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Worthy Sir P.S to y^e Circular Letter

You will see by this c. [illegible] in common to all y^e Society's correspond.^ts to ask always [illegible] the Contr. are very much [illegible] concerned.

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H. N. ——

Rev.^d Sir

Whitehall. 24. Jan.^y 1711.

M.^r Jennings having signify'd to the Founders of Parochial Libraries that you would advance the 5. pound premium to entitle [illegible] to a Parochial Library, they yesterday agreed that a Library shd be sent thither. In order to wch I must beg y^r direction for true spelling y^e name of y^e place of the present Incumb.^t and how to send the Library to him, with wch you will be pleas'd to favour me at y^r Leisure Cairy.^r

and that the Place does not exceed 30. Parishioners to y^e Incumb.^t

Please to direct to

Yr. most humble Servt.

me here.

I have sent to you a Copy of y^e Rules.

in y^r thoughts I humbly intreat y^r prayers for

I thank you in behalf of y^e Founders of Paroch. Libraries for y^r encouraging the setting up a Lib. at Oxenhall & you are accordingly entered as a Benefactor to that Design.

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I thank you in behalf of y^e Founders of Parochial Libraries for y^r encouraging the thing you gave to fixing a Lib. at Orchall & you are accordingly enter'd as a Benefactor to that Design.

I am y^r most obed.^t & most humble Serv.^t

H. N. ——

15th Aug. 1711.

Wr. of ye Blew Coat Schools Westmin.

Mr. Brown Surgn. The Lt. of ye Roebuck com with me to desire an Apprentice out of a Ch. School, and another for the Master of ye same Ship; If you have any Children inclind to ye Sea Service & qualifyd in respect of age & a good constitution, they will take 'em without Money; If you have any such or know of any in ye Ring Charity Schools pray let me know & I will send for 'em when the gent. calls again as I expect him to Day or to morrow. The Ship now lies at Chatham, she's going one of ye Convoys to Guinea & proceeds thence to ye West Indies, in wch Voyage a Youth will learn more of Navigation than in 7. Years Cruising in ye Channel &c. If so I am. Sr. Yr. &c. N

Mr. Benj: Barwick
at Barrow in
Leicestershire

23d Augt. 1711

Sr.

I Receivd. yr. favour of the 8th Inst. and communicated its Thanks to the Society who always thankfully accept of yr. Endeavours to Concure with ye. in promoting Usefull knowledge.

The Martyrology as I am told is half done and ye Gov. Author hopes to have the whole ready by Xtmas to Deliver to the Subscribers. That wch may delay it is at present the great scarcity of Paper, there being none to be had in the City i.e. not a Quantity

quantity of the Sort y^t may fit for such as are undertaken
Another Expedience was y^e Cheapness of the Subscrip-
=tion coming in to Defray the Charges.

I ought to acquaint you y^t y^e Society had no hand
in recommending the proposal, nor were they
privy to it being dispersed in their Packets, tho' they
occasioned many to think they recommended it.
I dont mention this to Depreciate the work
but to acquit the Society of any unjust imputation.
the pains and Expence the Learned Author has been
at to collect Materials for it out of Different
Languages, will I hope in the End amply excuse
the Delay of it.

The Author is a Member of the Society but
chuses to conceal his name because he treats debates
in the History some Politick Practices among
the Papists, for which if he were known he might
be in Danger to be treated as S^r Edmund Bury
Godfrey was.

I am

Sr

To W^m Dick^d Parker

Yr Obp. H. S.

24 Aug.

To deliver 2 Suites of Cloaths for Boys
& Girls according to 1706. y^e Boys val. 9:1^s
The Girls at 10. 4^d to be sent to W^m Laurence
of Yelvertoft to be paid out of W^m Nelson's
County of 5^tt to y^e Ch^rs he erecting there.

M^r Chamberlayne (4) 31^th Aug. 1711

Sr

Tho' I cannot but congratulate, ~~in my contyest manner~~, you & all well wishers to their Country that, My Good L^d of Bristol is made L^d Priv^y Seal, yet I am sorry for y^e ill omen it gives to the Society, whom his L^dp was pleas'd sometime since to give hopes of his being hond^d with his Company. For tho' his L^dp may be pleas'd to have a good opinion of their Proceedings, yet the Affairs of State will now so engage him as I fear will make it impossible for him to do more than ~~to~~ with a well to their Designs; ~~which I perswade my self he will also vouchsafe to do.~~

I shall obey y^r Comands to Mons^r de la Mothe &c: as well as what relates to y^e Portugese Testam^t and once more heartily wish you good a Journey & y^r Lady

being.

Sr y^r most obliged Hble Servt.

H. N.

If you have any Comands to N. Eng^d let me have 'em in a week's time or they'l come too late.

W.m Varloe at Portsm.o

4th Sep.r 1711

Worthy Sir

The Rev.d W.m Hunte having acq.ted y.e Society with y.r Benefaction of 2. Guineas to. their Design I am order'd to acq.t you y.t they very gratefully accept of it, and highly esteem your concurrence with them in advancing the Kingdom of Our Blessed D.r May God reward y.r Zeal for his Honour both in this & the next world.

The Malabar Mission goes on successfully God be prais'd daily encreases. As Gent. at Stamford the other day reading a Cert.t alter'd his Will & settled 40.l p.r An.m on the Design to comence at his decease.

The Good People at Gosport have given a fresh Instance of their good will to, promote that Mission, wch I hope God will Bless them for.

If I can be in any repect serviceable to you here, I beg you to lay y.r Comands on

Sr

Y.r most humble Serv.t

Henry Newman.

Wm. Parker & Worster B 6 Wh. 11th Sept. 1711.

Gent. The Society for Promoting Xtian Knowledge are to certifie of ye services you have done them & ye design of ye Schools in your late travels through the Country, that I am order'd in their Names to thank you for them, wch I hereby do, and take the same occasion most heartily to thank you for the pleasure you have given me in yr advices when abroad. if there be any particulars which you have further to communicate I shall most thankfully receive them and remain

Gent. Yr H. N.

Wm Speate 10th Sept. 1711.

Sr

Rev. W. Rawlins the Chaplain of ye Marshalsea Prison having completed his service there for one year I am order'd to desire you would inform yr self whether yr freinds would be willing to continue the same allowce for y last year would be pleased to allow him 10l for y next year and that you would signify their inclination to

Sr Yr H. N.

P. S.

I have herewith sent a Calalogue of ye Parochial Library with your name, desiring you would forthwth examine y Library by it, that if any book be wanting I may demand it of D. Br. before he goes out of Town.

Mr Steel

11th Sept. 1711

S.r

I have seen above ½ a Dozen boys from different Schools, but I can't say I like one of 'em so perfectly as I could wish for your Service; perhaps I am too curious they are all very well instructed but they are either too little or have a blunt not a good aspect, perhaps I am too curious, if I meet with no better I have made choice of one in S.t Martin's School that shall wait upon you when you will command him from

S.r yo.r H. N.

My L.d Bp of Worcester.

Wh. 11th Sept. 1711.

My Lord I am glad of any occasion to write take the liberty of humbly laying before yo.r L.p a short abstract of y.e Trans. of y.e Society during the last 6. Mo.s in wch wherein yo.r L.ps has a Gen.l of y.e Subscription to y.e Malabar Mission; and the Chancellor will acq.t your L.p with y.e progress of y.e principal particulars wherein the subscription have been expended.

The 1250. Portugues Testam.ts are just now come from Holl.d printed in a very a suitable number of wch will be sent by y.e next fleet to India.

I humbly beg yo.r L.ps Blessing and y.t y.e Fountain of all Blessing may long continue yo.r L.p to be an Illustrious Pillar of that Church wch justly triumphs in the Ornam.ts you have been to it; I am with most profound respect My L.d yo.r L.ps H. N.

D^r Celebgatch at Cam^b. (8) Wh. 11^th Sep^r. 1711

Rev^d Sir I sometime since receiv'd y^r. obliging Letter of Remarks on the Portugese translation of y^e N. Testam^t. and having communicated them to the Gent. concerned in managing the Charity for promoting y^e Malabar Mission they were to pleas'd with them that they order'd me to give you their thanks and to desire you would ~~continue~~ to make your remarks as you had ~~opportunity~~ leisure for it. And in order to it I was directed to send you an Interleav'd Testam^t in Portuguese. They are just now come to my hands from Holland and such a Copy shall be sent to you as you shall direct. I bound up the Copy you had marked before I had well consider'd it, or else I would have return'd that with you had wanted to save you much labour and shall do it still if you require it tho' I fear many of y^e Notes are half cut off in y^e Binding. I am

S^r y^r. H. N.

W^m. Wood at Whenwell. Wh. 15^th. Sep^r. 1711.

Rev^d Sir I read y^r. Preface in the time it was too long to be read at y^e Society, so it was agreed to be refer'd according to their Rules to 4. or 5. members and W. De la Mothe being in some sort join'd with you to prepare it, ~~a Preface~~ it was in

~~complaisance~~ respect

respect to that appointmt
~~compliance~~ refer'd to him 1st to Mr. Hunter in ye
2d. place & 'tis now in ye hands of Mr. Hoare.
I don't know whether I ought to give you the sense
of those Gent: upon it, till I can acq.t you wth ye sense
of ye Society, but if I do ~~you~~ any thing ~~intirely~~ improperly
~~by you~~ you will impute it to my ~~& not to ye Society~~
willingness to gratifie your expectations; They both
agreed that it was too long, and too controversial and
that a short advertisemt to ye Reader with D.r Jablonski's
Letter would be sufficient. ~~They~~ however you
are not to determine the Fate of it by their opi=
=nion. A Copy of ye Geneva Liturgy is sent over
to ye Prussian Resid.t wth Mr. De la Motte has recom=
=mended to be added & translated to that of Neufchattel
& the Society have desir'd Mr. Chamberlayne to
translate it. I shall send it to him this Evening
into Glocestersh. where he has been ab.t 14 d.s
& may chance to call upon you in his return
home ab.t 14 d.s hence. I will wait upon
D.r Nichols the 1st Leisure Morning ye I have
to know what you desire. I was engag'd this
Morning to attend ye Committee for ye Malabar Missions
who go on successfully in ye undertaking: The Portug.
Testam.ts are ~~come~~ come from Holld. and there
is about 870. pounds collected for that Service
about 600. of wch has been expended in necessary
sent to India or remitted to ye Missionarys.
I thank you for yr. good intentions of reviving
the School at Wherwell, perhaps when Alderman
Friar knows how graciously the Queen accepts
what he has already done on ye Score he may
not be provoked by ye weakness of ye Indigent people
wholly to

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to withdraw his Charity. Her Maj.ty sent Letters
to both the A. Bps dated y.e 20th of last month wherein
among other things of great importance most pa=
=thetical recommended, the ~~last~~ useful there Expressions
And Forasmuch &c.a This will animate the
Design perhaps more & give more life than any one
thing that is a glorious proof of Her Maj.ties kind
Intimations to y.e Design, and accordingly I am glad to find y.e
that the Bps have very heartily promote them selves it
in their respective Dioceses, in order to Her Maj.ties pious Intentions, so y.t
I hope you will see a Noble augmentation of y.e
Number of Schools agst another Year. I shall
give your Servis to Mr. Bromfield w.n I see
Wlt. him, who I believe he is at present.
They go on gloriously at Bath, Mr. Nelson hav=
=ing made a 2.d Journey thither has attempted
the setting up a Ch. Sch. for 30. Girls wch to
good purpose y.e last Sol Day he & Mr. Ferrer
held y.e Basons at y.e Church Doors & collect=
=ed 106. pounds towds y.e charge of opening y.e
School, and they have now desir'd a Mistris may
be sent from London. I am &c.

Wh. 15.th Sep.r 17

Dr Mapletoft at Oxford
or Dr. Gastrell Rev.d Sir

I am order'd by the Committee for managing
the Collection for y.e Malabarian Mission having receiv'd
40. pounds from y.e University of Cambridge towards
that good work and with the promise of more
towards that good work could not help thinking
if a proper application were made to the University
of

of Oxford they would not ~~come behind their sister Cambridge in upon such an occasion of shewing their Zeal~~ be less disposed to express their charity who have so often signaliz'd themselves upon other the like occasions; I am therefore order'd humbly suggest this to you and if you want Books or printed Proposals to dispose among the Rev.d ~~Members~~ Heads &c.a you may Comand what you please from

Sir Yo.r

The Portugese Testam.ts are come from Holl.d

W.m Dolins Jr.

As you was (I think) the first that offerd to improve y.e Talk of preparing y.e enclos'd Narrative upon mee I first humbly lay it at your feet to receive the corrections you will find it deserves, I only wish the defects be not so many as to require as much pains to make it possible as to draw it up a new, ~~and if it does I hope you never~~ I have endeavour'd to keep to y.e natural order of things, ~~& to relate them simply~~, where I have mistaken ~~miss'd~~ I beg you would impart yo.r reflections with the same freedom as they will be submitted to by

Yr. Yo.r H. N.

If you please to return it with your remarks I would send it to as many other Members as I can before Monday next y.e they may come prepar'd to suggest all y.e improvem.ts it is capable of

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Wh. 18th Sept. 1711.

My L. Digby

My Lord

I have wanted for some time hope
your Ld will be pleas'd to accept the en=
=closed, tho' it don't come to yr. hands so soon
as it ought to have done. Her Majtie
has very lately wrote a gracious Letter to ye A. Bps
wherein she has the following Expressions in
favour of Sch. Schools &c.

And forasmuch &c.

Those yt Ld will see many good Effects
of this Exhortation.

W. Nelson has been instrumental to set up a Scholl for 50. Boys at Bath which is now
endeavouring to set another for 50. more at Stockton. 32. are sent out & 4. more are going in a few
days.

The Subscriptions to ye Malabar Mission
goes on successfully. An Old Gent: at Stamford
has settled 40. £ pr Ann: to commence at his De=
=cease. The Danish Recruits are coming from Holland.
I have pre-
=mised to mention these things to Yr Ld because
they are instances of
they show their Success & in a great measure to
yr Bounty & Good wishes. I am

My L.

He & Mr. Hever held a Mason at Clunch Doors last Thursday night at Bath & Collected 10 l. towds ye charge of opening ye Pt. Hole

Mr. Harrison at Sydney Col. Camb.

Battel Buildings
20th Sep. 1711

Rev.d Sir

I receiv'd your favd. of y.e 30.th Aug. and suppose the 20. pound was paid to Mr. Chamber-layne at your advise, he being gone into Glocester-shire to return in ab.t ~~one~~ 10. days time. The Society are very sensible of y.r kind Offices on this occasion, and have order'd a Copy of y.e Per-sigure Testam.ts to be given to each College & Hall as a Memorial of their Justance of their Charity, They are now binding & will be sent to you with all Expedition. I am also to thank you for your enquiring into y.e Qualification of the Town Guard for Parochi. library. I find Fullingham & Debenham in the New Valor Bene-ficium to be valu'd at 28: 9: 9.d but you say it is above 50.li a an. if the overplus be uncertain, y.t will not disqualify 'em for a Library, but if it be certain, the Founders do not incline to bestow a Library there, having litherto strictly kept to the Rule of fixing 'em only in Livings not exceeding 30.li a an. For w.ch reason wendy is unqualify'd the New valor Benef. rating it at 26: 4: 1. If you please therefore to inform me of such places as are within their Rules, and where y.e S. premium may be raisd you will oblige

Sir Yr. most humble Serv.t
H. N.

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Coll. Stearn at Dublin

Whitehall y. 27 Sept. 1711

D.r S.r

I have yo.r of the 14 of Aug.t and am Sorry to understand you are not yett Provided, I hope so much merit will not be Longer Neglected I went to Mr. Hardings in obedience to yo.r Comands, to Secure the Books you desird but they were gone to Sturbridge Fair, and there Sold to a Divine at Cambridge before yo.r Orders Came to hand. Mr. Harding tells me he has the Same History in one Volume with the Same Cutts as the other had, but unruled and with this Difference that this has the Apocrypha with above 20. Cutts more, which y.t wch you desired had not. So I shall wait your further Comands before I proceed. The price of the History & Cutts in one Vol. is 55. Shillings.

My L.d Bp of S.t Asaph

9.br Octob.r 1711.

My L.d

~~The Library for y.t~~ As I doubt find that I have your L.dp directions how to convey the Library to S.t Asaph it is now ready, & I would gladly send it away before y.r Roads are bad. I shall therefore wait your L.dps Comands for the best way of conveying it.

I receiv'd & Enclosed this Evening from an honest Man that says he perfectly knows Mr. Baily and that the Character therein given of him, He well deserves. He sh.d me some of his Letters to him ~~by the same~~ wch seem to be wrote with the Spirit of a good Christian. No doubt but yo.r L.dp has heard of him, and

and if he be deserving, there needs no ~~importunity~~ other recommendation to entitle him to yr. L.ps favour.

My L.d If I have not already done it, I ought solemnly to thank yr. L.p for yr. Excellt. Sermon in behalf of ye poor Negroes. There is no good man in ye Plantations but must subscribe to yr. L.ps sentiments, And when it pleases God to give the Society possession of their Estates at Barbados I hope their Example will shame others into a Xtian Treatment of their Slaves. I had almost said Turkish Treatment for the Mahometans to encourage Proselytes give 'em their freedom absolutely, but that may be a degree of Humanity wch our Heathenish Xtians cannot come up to. I humbly beg yr. L.ps Blessing

I remain with ~~all possible~~ great respect

Yr. L.p will pardon my ~~I dont know who~~ adding ye author of ye enclos'd Print ~~Clergy, but~~ I am told this a Clergy man is ye author but cant learn who.

yr L.ps most obed.

My L.d B.p of London 10th Octob. 1711

My L.d I have not been mindfull of yr. L.ps Comands but having forgot the Name to take directly of ye Clergy man in virginia whom your L.p recommended for a Packet of little Books to give among his Parishioners I have forbore mentioning it in hopes of seeing yr. L.p. humbly to ask ~~you~~ if you have any Commands to the Rev.d W. Stute in Bartlet's Buildings, who is our Treasurer, his assisting for 'em will ~~obtain a larger Packet~~ be attended with more advantage than the addresses of My L.d yr. L.ps most obliged.

W. Carstairs (14)

Revd. Sr.

17th Octr. 1711.

I have not yet had the happiness to kiss yr. hands tho I have call'd by myself or sent to 2. or 3. times to most wn I might have it. upon you, & hope you have been informd. I intended to have waited on you with ye enclosd but W. Nelson with other frds. call'd upon me this Evening the hour that I intended it. I heartily accept W. Chamberlayne's invitation & hope you will honour the Society with yr. Company and prevail with W. Baillie to accompany you. The Society meets at Bard's at ye Revd. W. Hunter's in Bartlet's Buildings at 5. Clock to morrow afternoon, so yt I shall be going hence soon after 4. if you will give W. Baillie leave to call upon you in my way thither at such Place as you shall appoint by ye Bearer you will extreamly oblige D. Sr. Yr. most humble Sert.

H. N.

I was going to direct this Circular Lett.r to you at Edenburgh wn W. Douglas told me you was at ye Bath, I hope you rec'd from him your Packets from ye Society together wth those for W. Baillie & W.m Sterling.

Mr. Jennings

17th Octob. 1711.

Sr. I was ordered by the Society to wait on you with the Subscription Role in favr. of ye Chaplain of ye Marshalsea Prison to desire the renewal of yr. kind offices wth Mr. John Bennet & Mr. Philip Meadows. since there is no hopes of applying with succes to any other Person to encourage him till they are pleas'd to set an Example. As for ye Character of ye Chaplain the Society would not have recomended him to that Service if they had not been well apriz'd from good hands of his being a very fit person for it. And since he has officiated for a 12. month past he has given abundant proofs of his meriting the Character that was given of him. I am

Sr. Yr.

I left ye Role with yr. Servt. last monday.

Mr. Nelson

19th Octob. 1711.

Sr. That ye principal Benefactors to ye Malabar Mission may be stated to be given you think fit viz. a Gift Book at ye Letter to be given you by the Society, the Charity, the Letter to be given you by the Society, the Charity, the Letter to be given you by the Society, the Charity, the

And when you have perus'd 'em he pleased to return 'em to me any time before next Thursday.

Mr. Lawrence has been several times with me for an Answr. to his Brs. Lett. and tells me he is to go into ye Country next Monday, and would be glad to lay out ye 5. as his Br. has directed before he goes.

I was in hopes ye return of Petavius's Works would be no inconvenience to you, because you did not chide me for it, before you went last to ye Bath. I try'd all manner of ways to stow them but could not do it without thrusting out a volume or 2. of Pool's Synopsis, Dr Bull's Works, Episcopius, or Suarez. of all wch I had 2. Setts, & therefore I thought if I must return any, that I had better do it in ye Books of wch there were but an odd Set. You will easily perceive it was impossible for me to avoid this, for till the Books were brought in & try'd I could not tell how many would fill the Cases, any more than I can now tell how many pounds they all weigh, when I have got 'em again but with ~~some~~ ~~labour~~ Mr. Nicholson will think it I hope you will therefore excuse perhaps you will think it I have yet had no Letter from Mr. Nicholson, wch I return'd to Mr. Nicholson, Books for the supernumerary nor did I want any. to fill up that was occasion'd by Mr. Fox's directing 1. Book or 2. to be brought when there were 2. already weight This Mr. Fox complain'd he could not help, it being much easier to make 2. intire Catalogues out of his head than to form 2. New ones upon 2. different Bases without mapping such mistakes, & in truth wn the difficulty is considered I rather wonder that more mistakes of that kind were not made, I am only concern'd that Mr. Nelson this have any trouble thro' what did and that to prevent it has not been in the power of

Yr.

Mr. Hoare thinks the Trustees may best meet after the meeting of ye Gen. for Charities, since so many of them are of ye same Body and leaves it to you to appoint the Time when I shall summons ye meeting.

My Ld Bp of London

22d Octob. 1711.

My Lord

The Society for Promoting Xtian Knowledge have order'd a Packet consisting of the Books mentioned in ye enclosd List ~~to be sent to yr. Ld~~ for Mr. Wyline. I did not direct em to Fulham ~~because I supposd they would~~ for fear of giving yr. Ld the Trouble of sending 'em back again, but they shall be sent as yr. Ld ~~will order~~ shall be pleas'd to order. ~~They were not all of ye Society's Mind but~~ The Society ordinarily confine their Charity to the poor in Gr. Britain, but when yr. Ld recommends any object that is out of the Kingdome they are always willing to shew that Deference they owe to yr. Ld's Recommendation. ~~They have order'd this Packet to be made up according to ye Direction~~ they have given, and will receive by ~~ye enclos'd List~~. I am

My Ld

D. Snape.

22d Octob. 1711.

Dear Sir

I do most heartily congratulate you upon yr. succeeding Mr. Newborough at Eaton. Upon this occasion I cannot but think my self oblig'd to communicate to you some Paragraphs of a Let. I lately receivd from Mr. John Kidgell at Victor Castle in Pembrokeshire the 1st is of ye 13th of Sept. wherein he says "There are some Passages in D. Snape's Excell. Sermon &c. And in another of ye 22d. Sept. he says. I most heartily congratulate ye Society &c.

"Yr. Reflections were occasiond by a Motion some time since made in the Society (whom I have sometimes mentioned to you) to endeavour to introduce the use of Xtian Authors in Gram. mar Schools, so that whilst the Youth of this Kingdom were learning ye Latin & Greek Tongues they might be at the same time instructed in the Xtian Religion,

It has been long y^e^ complaint of Good Men that in our ~~—~~ Politest Schools the Religion of the Heathens is more inculcated than y^e^ that of Jesus X^t^. And particularly Mons^r^ Malbranche has this Pious apostrophe in some of his Writings concerning the Method of Education in words to this Effect

" O Rome, they (~~speaking of y^e^ Methods of Education~~) teach
" us your Language, & at y^e^ same time infuse y^r^ Morals
" also; And whilst they instruct us in y^e^ exact Knowl=
" =edge of y^e^ History & Genealogy of y^r^ Heathen
" Gods, they leave us Ignorant of the History and
" Genealogy of our D^r^ & Saviour Jesus X^t^.

~~Dear Sir~~ I need not apply this; ~~Your own~~ ~~Thoughts will~~ ~~suggest~~ ~~what I cannot~~ ~~but do it~~ but could not ~~help thinking~~ ~~forget~~ when I first heard of y^r^ Promotion, I ~~could not~~ that if y^r^ Scope should by his Example at a School conspicuous as Eaton, recōmend a more X^tian Method of attaining Learning than had been hi=therto observ'd in our great Schools, it would con=tribute more ~~to y^e^ good we have wished for~~ than all y^e^ Efforts that hitherto have been made to reform what has been long & justly thought amiss. You will I am sure pardon this trouble and believe me to be with y^e^ utmost sincerity D^r^ S^r^ y^r^

W^m^ Stephens Rector of Shrivenham in Berks. 23^d^ Octob^r^ 1711.

Rev^d^ Sir My last ~~was~~ to you was of the 7^th^ of August wch I hope you have rec^d^, together wth your Packet from y^e^ Society under cover to W^m^ Hinton the worthy Com^r^ Flute being now at his Country house in y^r^ Neighbourh^d^. I am perswaded if you address him you will find him very well disposd to ~~give his Assistance~~ encourage the setting up a Charity School in y^r^ Place,

I have not y^{e} hon^{r} to be acq^{d} with him, tho' I have wrote to him on y^{r} subject, but he is too generous to require any formal ~~solicitations~~ applications in a matter wch I am told he has ~~already thereof~~ expressed himself already well inclin'd to promote. I submit it to your prudence & shall be glad to hear of y^{r} effect. Doing / y^{r} &c

Rob^{t} Mr Baillie at Mr^{s} Flights y^{e} Tobacco Pole in Queen's Alley near Royal Exch^{g} 24th Octob^{r} 1711

Rev^{d} Sir, Now you know y way to y Society

I hope you & Mr^{s} Carstares will be so kind as to favour them wth y^{r} Company whilst you stay in Town. a Member of y^{e} Soc. desir'd me to aff^{m} you ~~both & Mr^{s} Carstares~~ whether you were provided wth y^{e} 2^{d} vol. of Archb^{p} Leighton's Comment^{y} on y^{e} first of S^{t} Peter. If not, he would desire y^{r} acceptance of some ~~spare~~ Copies he has by him.

I hope you have rec^{d} y^{r} Packet, or at least y^{t} it is secure of coming to y^{r} hands if it may in the least measure contribute to y^{e} encrease of x^{tian} knowledge among y^{r} Neighbours y^{e} Society have their End. And I thank you for the Acc^{t} of y^{e} Hon^{ble} Society in N. Brit. and hope you will continue to favour me with y^{r} additions to their Papers, and y^{t} before you leave y^{e} Town I shall have the honour of waiting on you & Mr^{s} Carstares at the Chambers ~~to confer about upon that head~~ of

I have enclos'd a little Tract agreed to be dispers'd by y^{e} Society bee. I believe it was scarce out of y^{e} Press wch y^{r} Packet was made up.

Rev^{d} Sir Y^{r} most obed^{t} humble Serv^{t} H. N.

W. Cantaire (20) 25th Octob. 1711.

D. S. W. Chamberlayne & I have been so engag'd this week y^t it has not been possible for us to wait upon you as we intend, but if you please by y^e Bearer to name the Morning that your own affairs will allow you to spend with us, we will be devoted to you either at My Chambers or at W. Chamberlayne's wch you please, and I hope good W. Baillie will give his Company at y^e same time. Whilst you stay in Town I hope also you will favour y^e Society with yo^r Company as often as your affairs will permit you. I am heartily

Y^r y^e. H. N.

26th Octob. 1711

W. Watts

D. S. I communicated yo^r Lett^r of Yesterday to y^e Society and as to what relates to y^e Catechism they came to no Resolution, because you said agt. the next meeting you wo^d get an Abstract ready to lay before them. The Society will be glad as to the Proposal of ~~to see a Specimen; Specimen of the Life of Christ~~ Inscribing ~~a Dedication~~ the Life to them, I am order'd to ~~as of Dedication made~~ recommend to yo^r acq^t ~~from~~ that the Society ~~do not~~ ~~they~~ do not affect to see themselves made publick by Inscriptions or Dedications, and therefore leave it to W. Watts to do herein as he shall think fit. I am D. S.

Y^r y^e. H. N.

Wh. 25th Octob. 1711.

D. Maplehoft

Revd Sir I receiv'd the enclos'd by the last ~~Packet from~~ N. yorck Packet Boat from y Revd Preid. of Hard. College, to whom I directed your kind Present by 2. different ships for fear of miscarriage, and I hope they are safe with him ere now. I ~~cannot but~~ repeat my hearty thanks for your condescension to my motion. X. ~~I should have sent this to Green=~~ ~~=wich but~~ W. Hyden telling me he ~~could~~ hopd to see you on Sunday I have recomend=ed this to his care and remain

Sir Yr most obliged humble Servt

H. Newman

* The University of Camb. have remitted 40li towd promoting y Malabar Mission & are collecting more If D. Maplehoft wd recomend the Design to y University of Oxford I am perswaded 't wd not be less kindly encouragd here.

My D. By of London 27th Octob. 1711.

My Lord

This accompany, the Packet ~~sent by~~ ~~from the Society for Prom. Xtian knowledge~~ wch Yr Ld desird for Mr Hyde. I take the The Soc. desire yr Dp acceptance of a Copy ~~and also~~ of y Portugese Testamt lately printed by y direction ~~of y Society for Prom. Xtian knowledge~~ to be dispersd in y Indies. ~~and Your Dp may be pleasd to accept~~ ~~to read of~~ I have also sent y Dp an Acct of y progress made in those parts by some Protestant Missionaries ~~on Acct of which I have~~ here with but and at y End of y Acct. Your Dp

wille

will see the Proposal that ~~gave occasion~~ ~~and may~~ ~~some time~~ perhaps ~~y~~ ^ may opportunity ~~occasion~~ to ~~love~~ ~~Reg~~ ~~factions to the Design~~. ^ has hitherto not wth Encouragem^t that ^ Society have sent by y^e last fleet to India a Printing Press with 600. weight of types & ream of Paper & 130. odd pounds in Foreign silver with a Printer.

W^m Battle the Min^r of Cambridge in New-Engl^d by y^e last ~~R~~ N. York Packet Boat desires me to give his humble Duty to y^r L^p. at the same time I send that of

My L^d y^r L^ps
most obliged humble
Servt
H. N.

27th Octob^r 1711.

S^r Geo. Wheler

Reverend Sir

I rec^d your kind Letter of y^e 5th Curt. and gave the Bill you subjoin'd for 40. ~~to~~ towards y^e Malabar Mission to M^r H. Hoare who is the Treasurer, and of y^e ~~Collection~~ Charity for that Service. I am order'd by y^e Society to thank you for it, as you do. ~~have~~ sent 2. Paroch. Libraries to Alnwicke & Darlington by y^e way of Newcastle recommended to M^r Thompson a Correspond-ing Member there I hope they are got safe ~~to~~ ~~thither~~ by this time and have advis'd the Incumb^ts to send Catalogues to My L^d the Bp of Durham as y^e Act of Parliam^t directs. ~~I think~~ The Society will be very glad to see you when you come to Town. My L^d

My L. Privy Seale was pleas'd lately to subscribe himself ~~a Member this~~ an Annual contributor to their Designs ~~this~~ and to give some hopes of his presence when ~~~~ his Affairs would permit ~~this~~. I am S.r y.r H. N.

V.r J. Philipps

3. Nov.r 1711

Hond.r S.r W. Carter being at Islington it was ~~Thursday~~ last before I could get the Rec.t you requir'd, ~~and I was in hopes by this time to deliver~~ but I now enclose all 3. ~~& goe~~ & am ashamed at y.r same time to tell you that had y.r Bill of S. P. been at y.r Bottom of it have mislaid your Letter ~~to that~~ I took it from among y.r Society's papers ~~at~~ the day after reading of it my chamber intending to put it in my pocket to receive it and whether I put it into my Pocket or hastily laid it in some book where I was reading, (the last yet wch I am most apt to believe) I have not been able since that day to lay my Eyes on it, to y.r I must beg you ~~of the favour~~ to give me a Second Bill payable in case the 1.st Bill has not been paid, and then but one of 'em can be in force if it do come to hand. ~~I have defer'd telling you of this in hopes to receive it, but and to to~~ have ~~said you this trouble, but I am ob-~~ ~~liged to own my negligence in mislaying it~~ maccountable and I heartily aske your pardon for my negligence.

Upon D.r Snape's promotion I took the liberty of congratulating him by Letter & gave him a Copy of a Paragraph in y.r Letter concerning his Excell.t sermon and y.r Design of ~~re~~concerning x.t an Author to Grammar Schools

Schools, that he might set out in his Enterance
on so important a ~~charge~~ Post with ~~a view to reform~~
~~introducing~~ regard to ~~such~~ a method of instruc-
tion if he thought fit. I have not yet heard
from him, but dare promise my self he will
~~answer me~~, at least take it kindly & civil answer.
Acct On the 24th of last Month W. ~~Hodges~~ Hunts
were audited and I am glad to tell you that
tho the Soc: Disbursmts for last Year amou-
-ted to. 448. 19: 4½ the Ball: due to ye
worthy Treasurer was but 8: 3: 7½ and
the Arrears due to last Michas were 49: 13:—

I am now to thank you for your kind
favr. of ye 20th of Octobr the contents of wch
were very acceptable to ye Society, and I hope
the example of ~~emptying~~ yr. Daughter's ~~to charitably~~
employing her self so charitably
will in a proper manner be recomended to ye
imitation of others. I have not been able to
get Dr Grabe's Book tho I have enquir'd at ye Booksellers
3. or 4. ~~places~~ to be sure of one, ~~& they~~ tell me it
is reprinting, ~~& ye same~~ I am sorry to tell you
the ~~worthy~~ Revd Author lies dangerously ill, so that
his Physicians almost dispair of his Life: W. Nelson's
Affliction of a swell'd throat is return'd upon
him so y't he dos not come abroad. Good W.
Gibson has dedicated ~~another~~ ticket in this pres.
Lottery to pious Uses ⅕ to ye Corporation Society.
another ⅕ to that for Prom. Xtian Knowledge. ⅕
to the Malabar Mission. ⅕ to Glaucha Hospital
& the Remaining ⅕ to ye Vicar of Kirkdale in
Yorkshire. The Numbr is 54. m. 361. for ye benefit of Widows

of wch he desires the prayers of all good men.
The enclos'd Print is said to be wrote by W. Wolfe
lately
& who is also said to be ye author of another if
not like this, and have not seen another paper
of his concerning ye State of ye 35. Millions &c.
publish'd sometime since
perhaps you will give me leave to send that
also.
last night from France The Reports concerning
Peace are so various that I dare be very
cautious upon very in pertinently to offer at giving
any Acct of them, but in general people seem
to think it will go on, notwithstanding the Remon-
-strances of the Emperour & States of Holland
&c. Mr. The Bp of St. Davids is
very sorry he could not see you when he
visited Tembroke &c. his Diocese, and bids me
give you his humble Service; I am

6. Nov. 1711

Sr Yr. H. N.

Sir I wrote wt is above last Saturday
but because I could not get it
franc'd, it stay'd till this Post, I am
sorry to add that the Revd Dr. Grabe
dyed last Saturday the same Even. & is very much
lamented. Mr. Wigers tells me he
has a Packet for you & I have pro-
-mis'd to send it alone if I cannot
speedily get something to add to it. I dis-
-pair of getting one of D. Grabe's body
till another Impression. I beg your pardon for
returning Proofs in answ. to yr Lett. in print, by ye
exactness of wch I always think my self reprov'd &
promise amendmt. but in truth if I did not take the
liberty, I shd not be able to write half ye letters I
do.

W. Meller (26)

Hond S.r 9th Nov. 1711.

I have at last Bought all ye re-
-quisites together for compleating the Librarys
for S.t Asaph & Cowbridge, so that they now
only want to be packd up, wch I would do on
to-morrow or
Monday if I may ~~be favourd with~~ your fiat for it.

I have enclosd a Memorandum of ye Requisites
~~wch were~~ sent wth ye former Librarys, and if
you can spare a few Minutes to look upon
these ~~Librarys~~, I shall be glad to receive yr
approbation or ~~yor~~ rectifie
Comands to ~~mend~~ any thing that is amiss,
before they are packd by S.r yr. H. W.

I have got the Deed of Settlemt.
signd by ye Bp of Bangor & S.t Davids
& only want for ye Bp of S.t Asaph's
coming to Town to get his hand
& then I send them to Worcester
& Hereford by ye Carrier.

13th Nov.r 1711.

Sir Geo. Wheler.

Hond S.r

Mr. Chamberlayne desiring I
would get ye enclosd franckd I take ye same opportuni-
-ty to acq.t yor that I have just now packd up
2. Lending Libs for Cowbridge in ye Diocese
of Landaff, and S.t Asaph wth maples 4. Libs
of that kind erected by ye Soc. i.e. one in each of ye 4.
Welch Dioceses, I am glad to understand ye
Paroch. Libs for Alnwicke & Darlington are
safely arrivd at Newcastle & I hope ere
now deliverd to ye respective Parishes. I am
S.r Yr most obed.t Servt.
H W

Mr. Warren at
Worlington Norfolk.

15th Nov. 1711.

Rev. Sir I rec'd your Lett. of ye 9th of Octob. and communicated yo. thanks to the Society who gratefully accept of your concurrence wth yr in promoting their Charitable Designs. I forget whether in my last I mentioned to you that I had heard a remarkable Story of one of yo. Name a Minr in Suff. or Norfolk who soon after ye Restoration coming up to London happen'd to find a bagg of Money in ye Street and by an ~~extraordinary simplicity~~ Integrity becoming a primitive Christian spar'd no pains to find the owner, wherein he not only succeeded but therewithal found a Man that heap'd all ye Expressions of Gratitude & Gratitude he could upon him: if he was of yo. family or ye Story be known to you I should be glad to be informd of every circumstance relating to it. The Person that told me of it having forgot many of ye ~~Passages relating to it~~ particulars wch I would gladly know. who am

Sr Yr &c.

To Geo: Duvie Esq
at Beverly Yorkshr

Barlets Buildings London
15th Nov. 1711.

Sir I received yours of the 24th of the last month and am glad to understand that you have received yo. Packet I acquainted the Society with yo. thanks and they gratefully accept of your

your Concurrence with them in Promoting Xtian Knowledge, and particularly for your Charitable Inti-nations to contribute towards promoting the Protes-tant Mission in the E. Indies, and Exciting some of Yo.r Wealthy and charitable Neighbours to do y.e Same, whatever You do herein will be thankfully accepted. and the Money remitted to Mr. Hoare a Noted Goldsmith in fleetstreet will be faithfully accounted for to the Comittee of the Society who are appointed to give direction for the due Applica-tion of the Charitys collected for this Service.

I am glad to Inquaint You that the 1250. Copies of the N. Testament in Portuguese are safely arrived from Holland and Several Hundreds of them are Binding to be ready to be Sent in the Next fleet to India. I pray God to prosper Yo.r Endea-vours to further his Glory, and Remaine

Whitehall y.e 15. Nov.r 1711.

To Mr. Scudamore
Woolen Draper at
Bristoll

S.r by Mr. Wyndham's direction I am to Recomend to yo.r Care four Large Book Cases directed to Mr. Wyndham at Cowbridge by Henry Norman the Bristoll Carrier from the Swan at Holborn bridge. The Rev.d Mr. Shum in London has desired his Brother at Bristoll to pay the Carriage of'em thither the People at the Inn asked 5.s 6.d for Carriage but perhaps

if you will oblige them to take Care.

Mr. Wyndham desires you would see the Cases put on board the first Caerdiff Boat, & you w.d write to Mr. Morgan y Custom Officer at Caerdiff to take care of 'em, & send 'em from Caerdiff to Cowbridge.

I shall be glad to be favour'd w.th a line signifying their being come safe to yr. hands & sent to Caerdiff, & w.t ever charge you are at, please to desire Mr. Thute to pay it & add it to the charge of carriage wch will thankfully be accounted for here to his Revd. Bros. by

Yr. H. V.

wt ever charge Mr. Morgan is at also will be thankfully allow'd here if it cannot be ~~discharg~~ paid at Bristol

Mr. Hugh Mapletoft
at Huntingdon

Bartlets Buildings London
20 Nov.r 1711.

Rev.d Sir

The Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge having receiving received by the hands of the Rev.d Dr. Mapletoft 5 pounds as a Benefaction from You towards promoting their designs, I am Ordered by them to signifye their thanks for it.

The Society being informed by Mr. Pearson of St. Neots that Mr. Percy of Aylton was dead they recommend the Packet

Packet directed to him to be disposed of as you shall think fitt, & have ordered another Packet of their books to be sent to you, to Consist of such books as Dr. Mapletoft shall direct which you may very speedily Expect by the usual Carrier, Carriage paid. I am with great respect

H. N.

John Gibson Edq. at Welburn
Yorkshire

Bartlets Buildings
27 Nov. 1711.

(Referd to My Ne. 4) that part relating to the Martyrology, which I Communicated to the Revd Author and is alsoe to it, that he has discovered so Large a field since he 1st. undertook this work that he cannot justly say when it will be out of the press but to make amends to the Subscribers for the Delay He intends to make the whole much better then his promise in ye proposals and that he shall not take up with the same terms from New Subscribers.

Yo. Most humble Sert
H. N.

W. Vaughan at Derby

1. Decr. 1711.

Worthy Sr. I have just now been to wait on yr. Excell. Bp and communicated to his L.p that pt. of yr. Letter of ye 10th. inst. of last month relating to ye circular Letter, to wch His L.p very kindly returns that he has ye welfare of his Diocese very much at heart, and will take under consideration wt you desire but as it is a matter of great Mome besides time to do it, he would be very well informed of ye state of his Dio ese before he offers the Publick a thing of yt Nature and

~~to be more fully informed thereof~~ and intends to visit his Diocese again as soon as he can. As to Lanlloyk Chappel His L.p does not remember any promise ~~he made to Mr. Howard of~~ writing to the Mayor of Carmarthen about it, but thought y^e Chappel was ~~already finish'd~~ in a good way being finish'd if not already done.

I find M^r. Havard was propos'd a Corresponding Member upon y^e 6th. last Nov. was 12. Month but having never rec'd y^e answer to my letter of y^e 25th of y^e same Month I have not rec'd y^e Soc. orders to write to him; ~~but if you please to~~ M^r. Nelson desires me to enquire ~~whether~~ the 2. Subscription Rolls and prays you w^d accept of his humble Service & Thanks for your good offices in this affair. The proposal you made to him ab^t ~~printing an Advertisement~~ of y^e Young ~~Christian~~ Library is refer'd to y^e Standing Comittee ~~of y^e Society~~ and will I hope in a short time ~~be~~ return'd with their opinion to y^e Soc. ~~other Business in their hands having oblig'd them to post pone it~~. I heartily wish success to all y^e ~~pious endeavours~~ undertakings to advance y^e kingdom of our Blessed Lord &

y^r y^e H. N.

My D. & M^r. Bp & M^r. Flute return their Service to you.

The Rev^d D^r. Woodward at Maidstone in Kent

Whitehall. 6 Decem^r 1711.

M^r. D. Jennison sometime since recommended the Rev^d M^r. Martin of Debtling in your Neighbourhood as a fitt person to be sent a Chaplain to the East Indies M^r. Watson of Bombay being Dead there is another

another Vacancy in those parts, which the Society would
gladly see well filled: When you are satisfyed in Mr Martins
Character the Society would be glad to have your opinion
concerning him for undertaking such a Service.

And if you think him a proper person, you may be
pleased to take an occasion of trying his inclinations
that way, and whither he can gett ready in case
the Company approving of him to go in the next Fleet.
This is what I was yesterday directed by the Committee for
the Protestant Mission to the E. Indies to request of you
without Loss of time. And if you have any other person in
your Eye to recomend, the Society would gladly be informed who it
is that they might give him what assistance they can
it being their intent to use their Endeavours to procure
the sending of worthy Chaplains to the Indies in the Com-
panys Service till it shall please God to enable them to
send Missionaries of their own, If I might be favour'd with
your answer by Tuesday Evening next I should be able to
Communicate it to the Committee the next day at S.t Dunstans
Coffee House where they would be glad to see you whenever
your occasions will permitt. The Court of Directors
have generously granted Leave to the Society to
send this Year also what they have occasion, by their
Ships freight free, and a Cargo is now preparing, pray
is there any Book or thing which you would recommend
to be sent name it to

The Committe for the protestant Mission meet every
Wednesday Morning till the fleet is gone

To Grey Neville Esq. Wh. ye 5th Dec. 1711.

Hon.d Sir

I am order'd by ye Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge to acq.t you wth ye following Rules, which they have lately agreed on. viz.t

That when any Member is 3. Years in Arrear to ye Society that if upon Notice given him thereof, he does not discharge the same, that from thence forth such Reading Member be look'd upon as withdrawn from the Society.

~~Agreed~~ That such Members as are now 3. Years in Arrear, shall not be excluded by this Rule provided they discharge their Arrears within 6. months after Notice given them of their arrears.

The ~~Liety~~ Beaver who is ye Soc.y Messenger will acq.t you how much your Arrear is, and you will be pleas'd by him to accept of a Packet of ye Soc.y Books, from

Sr Yr. H. Ns

To the Rev. Mr. Tho. Harrison Fellow of Sydney Colledge Cambridge

Whitehall 27 Decr 1710.

I am obliged to repeat the thanks of the Society to you for your indefatigable addresses to procure Subscriptions to the Malabar Mission and Mr. Dod when he layd the list of the Benefactors before the Society was desired to signifie their thanks to every Benefactor.

I find by that List that your Collections have been limited as I remember Chiefly to two Colledges and You dont take notice in your letter to me whether application has been made to other Colledges Mr. Dod paid £ s d 6,18,3 to Mr. Hoare to Compleat 46.18s. from Cambridg Universety, Dr. Charlot has given hopes that your Example will be followed at Oxford I hope to be able in my next to give you some account of the Cargo Sent by the Missionaries

To Mr. Tho. Clark & To Mr. Hickman

11th Jan. 1711.

Sir I am ordered humbly to acqt. you that The Society for Promoting Xtian knowledge having chose you a Residing Member, I am ordered to acqt you as often as and desire your Company when your occasions will permit you to give it, at their Weekly meetings on Thursday Evening at the Revd Mr. Hunters to Dine together being their Anniversary meeting next Tuesday, at 5 a Clock afternoon at Stationers Hall in Ludgate Street to joyne in the Service of the day, I also am ordered to

to desire you would be pleas'd to give y^e company the
~~invite you to it. I am~~ &c.

I am S^r &c.

W. Bedford at Bristol.

Bristol 4 Build.
24^th Jan^y 171[illegible]

Rev^d S^r

I ~~did~~ this last Post write to the worthy M^r Haynes, and am to thank you for recommending him. Your Book having been ~~desir'd by~~ recommended to y^e perusal of a Member of y^e Soc. Skill'd in Musick, he has reported that there are several good hints contain'd in those Chapters that relate to Church Musick w^ch if abstracted by the Author may very properly be publish'd by y^e Society in order to be put into y^e hands of Organists & Musick Masters. This Proposal therefore I am desir'd to signify, and that you would rather insist on the Usefulness of Musick as it may most tend to promote a sense of Religion in young People, than to enlarge upon the Abuses of it, which however if you only touch upon, y^e more flagrant instances of such as incroach y^e Devil &c. & they think it will be more useful, and that the whole Reflections on this head be contracted as much as possible, comprized in a sheet or two. I am

The Bill for regulating y^e Presses is not yet brought into either House of Parliament.

To restrain the Organists from teaching or composing Musick out of y^e Cities & Cathedrals would be utterly impracticable without taking away their Livelihood from many but they hope it may not be in y^e power to endeavour to persuade them to use their Skill so as may tend to the Corruption & Debauchery of Religion & Virtue.

W^m Bp of Northampton having been propos'd for a Building Member of y^e Society for promoting Christian Knowledge, I am directed by them to desire you would according to custom upon

to the 7th. Rule of y^e Standing Orders herewith sent ~~for Reception~~ enquire his Character & ~~Quality~~ y^e
came to y^e Society ~~of~~ either by word or writing
at ~~the~~ their next Meeting. The Enquiry I mention'd
by Society's Standing Orders are: Whether the Per=
=son propos'd be of a sober & Religious life
and conversation, and of an Humble & Chari=
=table disposition? wch I thought fit to sig=
=nify to you for fear I have enclos'd to you
a Copy of y^e Society's Standing Orders by y^e
7th. Rule of wch you will find what Enquiry
~~are to be made~~. I am

W. Chamberlayne 29. Jan^y. 1711.

Dear Sir

I have perus'd the Brain=
=ly Address to My L^d. of London, and
must
own I cannot tell what to make of it,
But in y^e Paper
I think no body would presume to forge
such a thing, but there is a way of getting
hands to a Paper like what was practis'd
sometime since in an address to Her Maj^tie
relating to Col^o. Dudley, and I am apt to
believe this will be found to be such a one,
but for what intent is a Mystery, unless it
could be
~~W^m Chamberlayne~~ thought that My L^d. of London
would procure a Pension for a Min^r. to Offi=
=ciate to Sr. a Score poor People, for so I
reckon them all, ths I remember the Names of

but

but 7. of ye Subscribers, yet as ye other 3. I am satisfy'd are not of any Note in ye place, &c. it is more likely they are bought Servants grown into Housekeepers since I left ye Town.

I wish I could say of those that I do know that they are well affected to ye Chh. of Engl. more out of Principle, than Faction. I am

S.r Yo.

To W.m Geo. Bromley

29th Jan.y 1711

Rev.d S.r I rec'd yours of ye 7th Curt. last Thursday, with the 20. pound Benefaction to ye Protest.t Mission to ye E. Indies by ye hand of W.m Bowers, as your generous Benefaction to ye Protest.t Mission to ye E. Indies; and upon acquainting the Society therewith they have order'd me to return you their Thanks for it. I shall gladly communicate to you from time to time an Acct. of ye progress made in that mission and doubt not but your Prayers will always accompany an undertaking to wch you have been so liberal a contributor. May God Almighty reward yo.r Munificence for is the sincere prayer of

S.r Yo.r H. N.r

W.m Melmoth Esq.r

4th Feb.y

Being came with the return of the pain of an old Sprain I rec'd at Lea, I am advis'd to use rest & all other applications will be ineffectual. I hope you will excuse my not waiting on ye Committee. there are but 2. things I understand that lie before them. viz.t the use of Xtian Authors in Grammar

38.

Gram: Schools. the Regulations for governing
& teaching Ch: Schools, the last of wch is preparing by W. Maplebeck &
~~neither of wch will I fear~~ ~~the last of wch~~ I am told
is not yet ready for yr. consideration & ye other I
believe you will think proper to defer considering
till Sr. John Philipps comes to Town since as I am glad to tell
you he sets out this day for London, & has ordrd me
to get him Lodgings near St. Dunstan's Chh that he
may be near you. My Duty to ye Comittee &
I am
Sr. Yr. H. N.

I have desird Mr. Evans
to wait upon you to make
wch a motion for Thur. Col. agt. next Thursday.
~~I have read ye Com: book by ye Bearer.~~

7th Feb. 1711.

W. Nelson

Sir I thank you for your kind offer
as to Petavius's works & will obey yr. direc-
tion. When I was shewing Mr. Reeves
the Libraries I could not help shewing him ye
all where adornd with his works, & pulling
out a Set of them, I ~~had made my self liable~~
was presently aware he would discover the
omission of ye Dedication, & had no way to
~~avoid self for~~ being charg'd wth it but
owning the truth, and I must confess I did it
without reluctance, because it is a blemish to ye
Libraries ~~could be forgiven to none but Mr. Nel-~~
~~son but I was willing~~ I regret every time I
look into the book, and as I ~~thought I could~~
~~have~~ had been silent concerning it to the Trustees, ~~I~~
~~all these~~ I was not ~~willing to slip such~~ the opor-
tunity of provoking the Author to Rally you for it,
in hopes

in hopes that when any more Letts are bought you will let me blott out y^e Name, or use some other way to conceal it, rather than not to let y^e word be instituted by, to beautifull a Picture

I heartily aff^e y^r. Pardon for my transgression, and am S^r. Y^r. most obliged humble Serv^t. H. N.

My L^d. of London

7^th. Feb^y. 1711.

My Lord

I am very sorry for an occasion of troubling your L^p with the enclosed ~~a Copy of y^e~~ Narrative ~~but it is off that importance to the Design of Ch. Schools, that I question not but your L^p will give that credit to~~ ~~a~~ y^e greatest Scandal that has yet been ~~cast upon~~ y^e Design of Ch. Schools by shewing the World that the same Nursery wch are intended to train up Children to be ornam^ts. in y^e Church of God may likewise with a little management serve to train 'em up to y^e Devil ~~in other words to officiate in y^e Devil's Chapel~~. My L^d. I have this Account from an Eye & Ear witness of y^e Action, and can assure y^r. L^p that the Design was no sooner publickly known for wch. but y^e day before (tho' it seems they have been some time preparing) but measures were taken by those y^t. wish'd well to Ch. Schools to prevent it partly by ~~menaces that the actors & their Accoutrem^ts. shd. be seiz'd by a warr^t. & partly by~~ fair means offering to pay for the charge of their accoutrem^ts. if they would desist, & partly by menaces that y^e Actors & their Accoutrem^ts. shd. be seiz'd by a proper Officer by warr^t. if they persisted, but all prov'd in vain.

and the Master being an Headstrong Conceited
Man ~~would not be perswaded~~ had acquir'd such
an influence over the Trustees of the Schoo[l]
I send to yo[r] (Lord)ship a List of whom
I send to yo[r] (Lord)ship that ~~they would not~~
~~take upon them to~~ instead of hinder'ing him seem'd rather
to Countenance him.

My L[d]. It is easie to foresee the pernicious
~~Your L[d]ship will easily~~ consequences of conniving at so scandalous
a Practice, and therefore all y[e] wish well to
the Design of Charity Sch[l]. would be glad
to see some signal token of yo[r] L[dp]s displeasure
~~resenting the thing~~ upon the Master ~~at~~
~~least~~, if not upon the Parish for bring=
=ing such a Reproach upon the Ch. Sch[l].
& Perhaps if y[e] School it self were demolish'd
~~for~~ a time it would be but a just re=
=sentm[t] for so great an indignity; that
others might take warning never to approach
to so wicked an innovation. ~~But this is most~~
~~humbly submitted to yo[r] L[dp]s great wisdom~~
This I thought it my Duty humbly to
acq[t] yo[r] L[dp] with the
~~reflecting~~ it to yo[r] L[dp]s great wisdom, &
am

My L[d] yo[r]

N.B. To send the Parochial Lb: to Masse directed to y^e Revd W. W^m Dixon by W^m Wilson Mast. of a Pink at y^e Bridge house in South wark.

9^th Feb. 1711/2

S^r Jn^o Philipps

S^r I have taken a lodging for you at W^r Watts's a Watchmaker ~~the~~ next door below to the entrance in to Serj^t Inn in Fleetstreet, for 12^s ~~p~~ week any number of weeks less than a quarter & if you stay a quarter you are to pay but 10^s ~~p~~ week & he to find Linnen & a conveniency for yo^r fire. I ~~could not~~ ~~goe at~~ every bookseller ~~shop~~ in Fleetstreet & at W^r Vincents but could not meet w^th more than one room, ~~at any~~ ~~& they not obtain a lodging if it would have been in any measure suitable for you.~~

I ~~have~~ ~~not~~ could I get any nearer to y^e S^t Dunstans Church with rooms in any measure ~~suitable to you~~ convenient, there are ~~one~~ inconveniencies in these but ~~I hope~~ ~~it is not liable to exception~~ ~~meet with nothing~~ ~~exceeding~~ ~~without some~~ I hope they are such as you can dispense w^th till you get better. I have given Notice to W^r Hollope & other friends to meet you there. You will find left at W^r Watts's a Packet ~~for you~~ ~~have~~ of w^ch I should have sent into y^e Country by y^e Carrier if you had not come to Town.

My L.d of London 42

14th Feb.y 1711/2

My Lord. I had y.e honour of yo.r Lordsh.ps Letter of y.e 11.th Curr.t and ~~upon receit of it applyd my~~ ~~self~~ ~~to~~ ~~some time~~ whilst I was applying my self to get such Evidence as I could to lay before yo.r L.dsp concerning the late Election at Clerkenwell ~~Parish~~, the Trustees of y.e Ch. Sch. there desir'd to meet some of thore Gent. who were disgusted at the ~~Indecent~~ Conduct of their Master, and according ly ~~last Night~~ yesterday they Mett the Dean of Carlisle D.r Gastrell, M.r Nelson, M.r Jennings, M.r Hoare, & M.r Cross of Westm.r ~~on y.e part of thore that were offended~~ ~~at the Masters Conduct so scandalous an Example~~ to whom ~~they~~ the Trustees declar'd their concern for the Master's ~~bad Carriage~~ foolishness, that they would con= =vene the Subscribers as soon as practicable and promis'd ~~either discharge y.e Master or oblige him to such~~ ~~penance as should be~~ hop'd that they sh.d resent it in such manner as should be ~~satisfactory to all~~ ~~that had been offended at it~~ proportionable to y.e Offence given. In y.e mean time I shall endeavour to get the best proofs I can to lay before yo.r L.dsp ~~if it your L.dsp be not satisfy'd~~ on this occasion ~~agst the offenders~~ if their Pro= =ceedings are not such as will be satisfactory to yo.r Lordship.

~~I could not to acq.t yo.r L.dsp~~ ~~of one Mortification~~ The Parish they also are ~~scandalous~~ felt last Sunday one Mortification in consequence of this ~~misbehaviour~~. The B.p of Chester being to preach at S.t Magens last Sunday where it was intended & agreed to by y.e Churchwar= =dens of the respective Parishes there sh.d be a collection for Clerkenwell Sch. upon M.r Nelson's informing His L.dsp of what had pass'd He was pleas'd to declare he would not preach there unless y.e Money collected

should

should be applyd to some other Parish wch
was agreeing by ~~to have the~~ yeilded to and
School at Clerkenwell, thereby lost 22l. & 23l.
the benefit of that Collection this has so mortified the Parishioners that
they seem ready to make any attonement
for what has happend, & let other Bps
& eminent Divines be perswaded to
follow his L.ps example. I hope there=
=fore they will take care to approve y^m selves
to y^r. L.p, and what they do therein shall be
communicated with all submission by

my L. y^r. L.ps most obliged
humble Servt.

To the Revd. Mr. John Adamson
at Burton Coggles near Stamford
Lincolnshire

Bartlets Buildings 16 Feb
1711/2

I have delayed writing an answer to Yours of the
25th. of the last Month that a Letter from Dr. Bray the
Revd Author of the Martyrology might accom=
pany it. He now tells me that he shall next
week send you a Specimen of the work by the
Carrier & a Letter to account for the Delay
of it but I was loath to keep you in Suspence
so long, seeing

Sir

Your most obed. Servt.
H. Newman

W. Meller Esqr.

Hond. Sr

18th. Feb. 1711/2

When Sir Tho. Clark was chose, a Re=
=siding Member, some Persons then present under=
=took to invite him to the Society but it not being done, I
thought it my Duty to acquaint you w.th it, if you may
please to invite him, as you have opportunity,
to the Society; I am Sir Yr. most humble Servt.
H. N.

M. Fran. Boynton &
M. Geo. Davis
at Beverley Gent. The Society for
Promoting X^tian knowledge & receiv'd
your Benefactions to y^e Protestant Missions
to y^e East Indies and have order'd me to
return you their thanks for y^e
desire you ~~have favord~~ ~~them~~ with y^e names of y^e worthy Benefactors
~~read~~ ~~have~~ have here enclosed. You will no doubt
hearty y^e Society have by the ships now
going sent 366 3/4 & 15 drs in peices of 8 to y^e
Missionarys; Some hund. of ~~Portu~~ N. Testam^ts
in Portugese. 2. Boxes of Books design'd
as a foundation for 2. Lending Librarys at
Fort S^t George & Bengal; and ~~the~~
being informd that the Romish Missionarys
in India by their Skill in y^e Mathema-
=ticks, do very much insinuate themselves
into y^e good opinion of y^e Natives, to y^e End
that y^e Protestant Missionarys may be better
Enabled to teach y^e Mathematicks & by y^t
means have an opportunity of recommending
themselves to y^e Natives, the Society have sent
by this Fleet ~~now going~~ the following things
Viz^t.
a Month Pendulume Clock
a^p. of Globes of 16. Inches Diam^r
with y^e new improvem^ts
a Barometer & Thermometer.
a Telescope of ab^t. 12. foot length
a set of Microscopes, according to y^e new
a Lenir circle with all its appurtenances
a Pocket case of Mathematical Instrum^ts
& several Mathematical books both La
& English.

23. 4 Feb^y. 171½

Sir Griffith Boynton Bart
at Burton Agnes Yorksh.

10th March 1711/2

Hon.d Sir W. Hoare rec'd y.r Bill of 10. pds
and I am order'd to thank you in y.e name of y.e Soc.y
for ~~the time~~ it, W. Boynton signify'd in his Letter
that you intended it for the designs of y.e Society in
general but y.r Letter of the 23.d of Dec. seems
to appropriate it to y.e Protestant Mission in the
E. Indies. If ~~the last be not still~~ ~~beg your Comands~~ I am ~~misse~~
y.r intentions may signifie y.r Comands, and
in y.e meantime be pleas'd to accept of y.e enclosed
abstract it may serve to amuse you for a few
hours perhaps disagreably, if you think it may be ac=
=ceptable to Mr. Boynton & other correspond.ts in y.r Neigh=
=bourhood you will find ways to communicate it to y.m
will not trouble you
the trouble given you by Sir Y.r H. N.

W. Vincent Edwards at
Embleton Northumb.d 6. March. 1711/12

Rev.d Sir I rec'd your ~~melancholy~~ Acc.t of
the ~~taking up of~~ Prefing of Sev.ll Schoolmasters in y.r Neigh=
=bourhood. I am sorry you did not send me y.e Names
of the Officers that have ~~put~~ subjected 'em ~~under~~ to this hardship
that immediate application might be made to y.e
Secry at Warr ~~for demanding 'em~~ and others who
want not inclinations to ~~exert themselves in behalf~~
~~of the Oppressed~~ defend y.e Oppressed. Pray favour me
~~with~~ y ~~particulars of their treatmt~~ first conveniency with
the Names of y.e Com.rs or Justices of Peace y.t have con=
=demn'd these poor People, the Names of the
Officers they were deli=
=vered to & for w.t Regim.t The Names of all y.e Masters
with a Note of their abode &c. ~~as particularly of them whom I may mention to be~~
~~do~~ and at whose Instance
& Procurem.t they have had this Treatm.t Please to
direct y.r Answ.r to me at Whitehall because it will
come a ~~Post~~ day sooner to me there than at Bartlet's Build=
=ings, where my Letters are ordinarily directed for y.e conveni=
=ency of keeping those on a Publick Acc.t separate from those on
private but this matter requiring dispatch, you may please to di=
=rect hither for Sir Your H. N.

W.r Chamberlayne 46 15.th March. 1711/12

Sir I acquainted you sometime since y.t our worthy Mons.r Bonett was chose a Resident Member of the Society for Promoting Xtian Knowledge, and y.t you were desir'd to invite him to it. I am now humbly to remind you of the desire of y.e Society, and y.t they will take it as a favour whenever you will embrace y.e opportunity of introducing a ~~Gentleman~~ Person of his Merit. I am S.r Y.r H. N.

W.m Boclun 22.d March. 1711/12

Revd Sir The Society for Promoting Xtian Knowledge recev'd your kind Present of Sermons on y.e Death of our Good friend W.m Ludolph, and have order'd me to signifie to you their grateful acceptance of them, ~~I am also to thank you for the~~ I am also to thank you for y.e honour you have done them in the Dedication. ~~I doubt not~~ ~~but~~ They have therein had y.r good Wishes for success to their undertakings, give me leave only to beg y.e continuance of them & to assure you that I am

W.m Jennings 28.th March. 1712

S.r The Society approv'd of y.e Clause wch was prepar'd for y.r more safe recovery of small Legacies, and agreed to desire you would ~~be~~ pleas'd to recommend it to S.r Tho. Hanmer to get it added to such Bill as he shall think proper in order to wch ~~I have herewith sent~~ a Copy of it is herewith sent by S.r Y.r most obed.t

M.r De la Motte

Whitehall. 29th. March. 12

Revd Sir The Society are so much pleas'd w.th the Specimen of Argum.t and Exhortation upon reading y.e H. Scripture us'd in y.e Chamber of Mer-chants that they have agreed to desire you would be pleased to recomend it to M.r Osterwald in their name to communicate the like Argument & Exhortation upon all y.e Chapters in y.e Bible.

I did acq.t the Society that perhaps that work was not yet compleated, and that by M.r Osterwald's Letters to you it seem'd was not design'd to prepare y.e like for every Chapter in y.e Bible but even for those as consisted only of Names or Numbers or such places were parallel to others that had been read before; However they thought fit not to desire it with any limitation but to leave it to M.r Osterwald's goodwill as much or as little as he shall think fit to take his own time for it. Herewith I have sent by y.e Prussia D.r Bray's Rec.t for Col.o St. Pierre's subscription of which he would have only 9.3.d to you are to send me no more

I am Sir Yr. most obliged humb. Serv.t

W. Jennings. &

W. Lewis

Wh. 21.st April. 1712

at Fort St. George.

Revd Sir I have this time by y.e Madras Having wrote largely by Bencoolee to that has been communicated to y.e Society concerning y.e means of Prop.g y.e Gosp. in y.e Indies of wch I am to request yr. opinion, and y.r be pleased to acq.t y.e Society what Number of Families & Souls by a Reasonable Computation there may be in y.e English Settlem.ts in the E. Indies as well Heathen as Christian and of all other matters wch you think may be instructive to carry on y.e Design, I am with all possible respect Gent. Yr. H. N.

turn over

W. Jennings may be pleas'd to hear that his worthy father is in good health at Bath, or else he would have wrote to him by this opportunity

You will ere this comes to hand go nigh to hear of y^e Jane Frigate, being taken by y^e French at Rio de l^a Janeiro, & being ransom'd by Gov^r Collet, I hope the Printing Press & Paper &c^a will at least get safe for y^e Ransom of wch W. Collet has drawn 150. on a Member of y^e Soc. And the Soc. only wait for advice what y^e Company do in respect of their Proportion of y^e Ransom to determine what to do therein, & in the mean time have remitted 30. pounds to W. Collet's Son in France to supply his occasions.

NB The Proposal enclos'd was a Copy of D^r Prideaux's

To the A. B^p of York Wh: 29^th April. 1712.

may it please y^r Grace

I take leave most humbly to lay before y^r Grace y^e Copy of a Bill for y^e more Easie Recovery of small Gifts & Legacies, wch W. Cotton of New Castle under Line has y^e care of bringing into y^e H. of Com^s & As it concerns the L^ds the B^ps when it is pass'd, it will very much [illegible] 30 it, it is ~~Duty~~ incumbent on those that prepare it, to ~~word it~~ word it ~~out~~ in such terms

terms as may be acceptable to their L.ps &
answer the End proposd: ~~&c.~~
I hope therefore yr. Grace will pardon
my presuming to request yr. opinion
of it, before it is Brought in; W. Cotton
would gladly be able to bring it
in next Thursday, ~~but if that be too~~
soon for yr. Gr.s remarks on such parts of it as are
~~ex~~ceptionable, he will delay it so much
~~longer as may~~ consist with yr. Conv
if by that time I might be favourd
with yr. Gr.s remarks on it, in order to
~~y~~ making a perfect Copy of it, I am sure
with the passing of it, will esteem the
obligation, but none more than

My Lord
Yr. Gr.s most obliged
humb. Servt.

P.S.
I have also presumd
to cover y head of
another Clause proposd
to be added to y Bill
for laying a Tax on Pamphlets
&c. ~~with if it cant be obtaind~~
in order to exempt those 1000.s of
books y.t are yearly distributed gratis
~~among the poor of this kingdom.~~
If yr. Grace please I will wait on you to
morrow Evening for yr. Comands.

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Daniel Defoe Esq
in Devonsh. Square
Bishopsgate street.

Whitehall 7. May 1712.

The Letter which accompanys this will inform you of the Nature of that Society who desire you would accept of being a Member of them.

They don't care how little they or their designs are known the Success of their Endeavours depending very much upon the Secrecy of them.

The Task which they have undertaken is in the Province of none of the other Societys, and yet perhaps is not of less Importance for the good of Mankind than any of those things which are pursued by those other Societys.

They are but in Embryo yet but hope by the Assistance of your Advice to grow to Maturity.

Their next Meeting will be here at my Chamb on Saturday afternoon by 3. of the Clock, when they they will be glad ~~hope~~ to enjoy Yo^r Company I am

S^r

Yo^r &c.

H. N

W^m Boehm Rec^d

Yesterday Benefaction of 9. May. 1712. from some good Pe
I receiv'd the 20. Shillings to the Society
~~last night and im~~ for Promoting Christian Knowledge
in London and immediately yo^r came to W.
Treasurer Clute whose Receipt I have here with
sent. The Society being at the same time sitting I acquain
them with it, and they have order'd me to desire
you would be pleas'd in their Names to thank
W^m Grindler & W^m Newbaver for their care
care ~~they have taken~~ to transmitt yo^r Benefactio
to England. I communicated at yo^r same time
W. Finl

Finch's Letter from Rio de Janeiro any Coast of Brazil wch the Society were so much affected that they have referr'd it to y^e Committee for y^e Protest^t Mission to the E. Indies to consider of lending a sum of Money to Mr. Finch & in consideration of the great Losses & Hardships he has undergone in y^e Service of y^e Society.

The History of the particular Providence of God attending him & at last delivering him & y^e best part of y^e Society effects out of y^e hands of French are so remarkable that it was even wish'd by some Members present that y^e Letter were made publick. I shall prepare severall written Copys to communicate where I think it will be acceptable

and am always D^r S^r Y^r most obed^t humble Serv^t

H. N. &c.

W. Morris's book at y^e use of Grammar Schools is ordered to be printed.

1000. Copies.

My L^d A. Bp of Cant. Wh. 17. May. 1712.

May it please yo^r Grace

It is my Duty to lay before yo^r Grace any Acc^ts relating that come to my hands The Inclosed Letter accompanying this tho' it be long is a Narrative that I am perswaded will not be unacceptable to yo^r Grace; as it contains an Account of the many instances of y^e particular Providence of God attending the 1^st Cargoe sent to the Protestant Missionaries in India (as far as to Brazil) to wch your Grace was so Bountifull a Contributor. My L^d I hope the next Letter from Mr. Finch will inform yo^r Grace of his safe arrival in India and y^t y^e remnant of the Cargoe design'd for y^e Missionarys; When yo^r Grace has perus'd the Letter

the Letter, if ~~it might be~~ ~~you'd be pleas'd to direct it's being~~ returnd to ~~you own time~~ to me it will enable me to ~~communicate~~ lay it before some other generous Benefactor, but in this I wholly submit it to that gen^ous ~~Benefactor~~ to yd. Graces pleasure & remain with great profound respect My Ld.

Yd. Graces most obedient & most humbly devoted Servt.
H. N.

D^r Jones Dean of Bangor

Rev^d Sir

Bartlet's Buildings.
22^d. May. 1712.

MR. Hunte our Treasurer acquainting the Society at their last meeting that he had receivd from you by y^e hands of your Bro.^r five pounds for y^e use of y^e Protestant Missionaries in India I am ordr'd in their Names to thank you for yd. kind Benefaction.

The Acct. of Schools for this year is now going to y^e Press and if you please to favour me with any Acct^s of those in yd. Neighbourhood they shall be inserted; the more particular you are pleas'd to be in signifying y^e Number of Child^n &c. the more acceptable will the Acct. be to y^e Publick. I am Yd.^r yd.^r H. N.

My Ld. A. Bp. of York

22. May. 1712.

My Lord Your Grace will perhaps wonder to find that some Gent. are dispos'd to trust for a charitable purpose rather than Bps with Power, Justices of Peace Your Grace will see by y^e enclos'd how the Scheme of y^e Bill proposed for ~~erecting~~ Small Charity's is alterd. It now lies before a Comittee of y^e H. of Com^ns & seems likely to pass. The Separate Clause is propos'd to added by y^e Comittee

And

and if ye End of ye Bill be answer'd, Your Grace will not be concern'd where the Power of Exemting it is Lodg'd I am most heartily

My D. yr. Grace's most obliged & most humbly devoted.

W. Lesson.

at Bath ye

22d. May. 1712.

I thank you for your Letter of ye 12th Curt. W. Hunte was to find us to forward the orders wch you desir'd for ye Westreses School &c. The Society entirely concurrs with you in yr. Sentiments abt. inviting the Old poor People to attend ye Examinations at yr. Schools, and are very much pleas'd with every act. you give of the truest of W. Dixon's & W. Bell's Conduct. Care is taken to make W. Dixon Easy, & to satisfy him that the person that supply's his roome in Town is very acceptable to the Trustees of ye School wch he left, And as he cannot propose to do so much good any where in London as where he is, I hope he will be content to remain in a Station where he has done so much good in a short time as many Men would be glad to be able to say they have done in their whole Lives. It will not be long before I receive an Act. of the truest of yr. Collection last Sunday if I have it not before sealing this I am always

D. ye. Yr.

My humble Lenia to W. Gollin & D. Flare.

W. Chamberlayne 54 23d. May. 1712.

Sir

W. Prowting the Contriver of the Scheme enclosed thanks you for giving him leave to insert your Name as a Director for ye 1st year after the Society he therein proposes, shall be incorporated, & he is willing to complement you with naming another a Director, or if you will please to take ye trouble of recommending the affair to one whom he should nominate, it should be W. Frederick in Downing Street wh. whom I presume you are acqted If you think fit to communicate the Design to him & obtain his leave to be inserted in ye Charter as a Director, it shall be esteemed as a favour done to Sr. yr. H.N.

My D. Bp of C. Asaph

23. May. 1712.

My L.d

I just now received the enclosed from a very honest Man W.m Gardner that intreating me to address yr. L.p for a Sermon to assist him in supporting a Ch. School that charge of wh lies almost wholly upon him, there being 3. other Ch. Schools in y.e Parish the Charity of those ye are able to be taxed to it makes it difficult most of his Neighbours Charity in this way being applyd to 3. other Schools in ye Parish. I have not ye honour to be known to My L.d Bp of Chester & therefore I have taken the liberty to make my first Address to yr. L.p And if the Church he has named be not so agreable as some other might be, upon yr. L.p intimating to your Recommendations, I can't think he would be refusd ye use of any other Church upon the like Occasion, if yr. L.p please to name what Church would be more agreable, and Direction shall be used to obtain the use of such Church as best cannot be refusd on to your Recommendation

My Lord I deliver'd ~~(as directed)~~ to ye Carrier at ye White hart Inn in Aldersgate Street the Library for St. Asaph & enclosed a Direction to yr. L.p or in your absence to ye Chancell. of ye Diocese. ~~I paid the Carriage hence for~~ I was twice to wait upon yr L.p at ye House of L.ds to beg your L.ps leave but had not ye fortune to meet you ~~to beg your leave with it~~. The Parcel contains the Instrum.t by wch. your L.p & all other Bps conveys ye Trust for preserving the Library to the Trustees recommended by yr. L.p. Cud in ye Library there is a Catalogue wch the Trustees are to sign & send to yr. L.p as an acknowledgm.t that they have rec.d it into their care.

I beg yr. L.p would allow me to urge ye granting of W. Gardner's request, because I am sure the Prints will be such as will ~~abundantly answer the design~~ & give yr. L.p ~~no small satisfaction~~ & ~~the great Object of Charity~~ good that yr. L.p does in ye World. I am with ye greatest deference

My L.d yr. L.ps most obed.

W. Hales in Holland Wh. May. 23d. 1712.

Dear Sir.

The worthy W. de la Motte acq.ted the Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge y.t you could make a good use of some Copies of D.r Lindridge's Sermon entitled ye Royal Benefactor translated into French & also of ye Society's Printed Letter translated into ye same Language if they were printed in Holland, they ~~Society~~ agree to take

take 250. Copies of an Impression provided ye
charge of them do not exceed 5. pounds, & to
desire W. Hales to take ye trouble of dispersing
them only reserving a Doz. Copies to
whether they send may
be sent over to ye Society directed to ye Revd Mr Lute
in Bartholomew Buildings.

The Annual Acct of Ch-Schools for this Year
is now in ye Press & I am glad to tell you
that the Number of ém since last Year
are augmented above an hundred, making ye
Total now in Her Majs Kingdoms of Gr Brit & Ireland
above 7300. 254 more than above 47 throughout Christ.
are taught The Society were
in hopes to have had ye use of St Paul's
Cathedral this Year for their reception
of ye Anniversary Meeting in Whitsunweek
but some difficulty made it impracticable
wch I hope may be overcome another
Year.

~~For they will acq you that the~~
~~week before last a Benefaction of 20 Guin.~~
~~was remitted from Russia by ye means~~
~~of W. Grindler a Germane travelling~~
~~in Russia parts, where some Acct of our~~
Schools had been dispers'd in High=
Dutch several Good People
~~were so affected that~~ they
~~several good people~~ contributed as
much as made 40 Guin. Sterl. ½ of it to
be remitted to Glaucha & ye other ½ to
the Society for Promoting Xtian Knowledge
in Engd wch was receiv'd ye week before
last, & I look upon it to be one Effect
of

of ye Treasury and Offices You do to the Society & the Protestant Religion abroad in wch I hope you will still continue to exert your beneficence.

D.r Bray will acq.t you of ye Progress of ye Society at W. De la Mothe's, to which you are also related as a Member They have lately augmented their Number by adding several worthy persons such as W. Chamberlayne, W. Dolins W. Talbot of ye Temple, W. Chancell.r Lloyd, W. D. Worth & W. Richardson of Ireland & W. Sturmy. and hope you will communicate your advices to 'em by W. De la Mothe or me as you have occasion. This I have hinted to you y.t you may be prepar'd to answer wt will be more particularly desir'd of you by D.r Bray. I beseech God to protect you in all yo.r travels from ye Snares of an Evil World & to make you as useful in yo.r Generation as you desire to be for his Glory, and remain wth all possible respect D.r S.r Yo.r most obed.t humb.l Serv.t

Good W.m De la Mothe has his old indisposition still hanging upon him, & he spends his time by turns in ye City & Country as he us'd to do.

I have repeated my advices to M. Eng.d ab.t W.m Mons.r Vanoverbeke desir'd but have yet no answ.r may assure him of it w.n my most humble service

Myl. Bp of Cant. 58 23d. May. 1712

May it please yr. Grace

I take ye liberty of laying before yr. Grace a Copy of ye Bill depending in ye H. of Com.s for the more easy recovery of small Gifts & Legacies to Pious & Charitable uses together with a Clause intended to be offer'd to ye Committee before whom it now lies.

It was propos'd by some Gent. that are concern'd in ~~something~~ the Bill that the Bps should have had the same Power of appointing Com.rs in their respective Dioceses with is by this Bill lodg'd in ye hands of ye Justices of Peace, but that was a scheme not so acceptable to the Generality of ye House & so it has the Turn given it in ye ~~enclosed~~ Copy accompanying this. To ye End ye Bill may be answer'd I believe Your Grace will not be concern'd where ye power is lodg'd. ~~Excepting it.~~ I am with the greatest Reverence My L.d yr.

My L^d. B^p of L^dn^ 24^th^ May. 1712

My L^d.

I am very sorry it is not
w^th^ your D^p^ conveniene to grant M^r^ Gardner's
request; if upon further consideration
y^r^ L^dp^ can dispense with the inconveniene
w^ch^ granting
it may give, I shall be very glad, & I
beg to hear from you and if not, I must
beg you would be pleas'd to
return M^r^ Gardner's Letter that I may
use it as a handle to my L^d^ B^p^ of Chester
to some other divine; I propose to
recommend one that you think
would undertake the
service.

My L^d^ y^r^

Whitehall 26. May 1712

M^r^ Melmoth
at
Lincoln's Inn.

The Comittee for the Protestant Mission &c^a^
have agreed to desire M^r^ Dolins to pay the Bill of 150.
for Ransoming the Society's Goods on bord the Jane Frigate
upon M^r^ Bedwells giving such receipt as M^r^ Melmoth
shall think proper.

A Copy of which Bill is here inclosed.

The Comittee would be indemnify'd from any Demands
from the East India Company after they have paid
this Money, and M^r^ Bedwell is willing to give them
any such indemnification as you shall think proper.

At Present the Company have refus'd M^r^.
Collet's Bill for the Entire Ransome of the Ship

Cargoe, Viz. 3500. and it is returnd to France, but if hereafter the Company should think fit to pay the said Bill, The Comittee would have it in their power, to pay this Mony to the Company if Just: should be required and Mr. Redwell is willing to oblige himself to pay the 150 £ to the Comp: upon their paying Mr. Collets Bill on them.

I have endeavoured to express the Sence of the Committee in y^e rough Draught of a Receipt inclosed which You will be pleas'd to Amend and alter as you shall think proper, or to advise them what other Method to take ~~to borrow~~ to secure them-selves I am

Yo^r. &c. Yo^s. &c.

If I might have y^r. opinion concerning this in the Evening I would send it to Mr. Boldero at Hackney

My D^r. By of S^t. David

11^th. June. 1712

My L^d. I am y^r Copy of a Bill which accompanys a Petition of the Society of Gentlemen Practisers in the Court of Com^n. Pleas, ~~where it has past~~ and is I suppose by this time carry'd up to the Lords.

Your L^dsh. I am sure will approve of the design of it, and if you please to promote its being read & past by the Lords, the Society will esteem it as a great obligation ~~on them~~; I am My Lord y^r. L^dsh.

Sir Xtopher Wren 12th June. 1712

Sr. The season being too far advanc'd before application was made this year for accomodating y Child'n of y Ch. Sch'l at St Pauls it was supposed to another year: but will they will this day assemble at St Sepulchres Church to y number of above 4000. according to y List accompanying this and make such an appearance as perhaps is not to be paralell'd in any other p't of y World.

It may be some of yr family may be inclin'd to see it, & therefore you have notice the trouble of this from

Sr yr &c.

My D. A. Bp. of Cant. 13th June.

My Lord.

Your Grace may be pleas'd to hear that about 4. thousand Children of y Charity Schools in & abt Town met yesterday at St Sepulchres Church where my Ld Willoughby preach'd from y 20th Acts 28th & y latter p't of y 35th verse, the Bp of Worcester & St Davids with several of y Dignify'd Clergy There was a very Noble appearance and my Ld the Bp of Worcester & St Davids were pleas'd to Honour it with their presence. The Church was to fill that The Church tho' large & accomodated with Seats built in y vacant spaces is now grown too narrow for y Congregation, But I hope by yr Grac'l favour another Year they may be receiv'd into St Paul's Cathedral. I am my Ld yrs H. N.

Mr. Edwards at Embleton 62
in Northumberland

14th June. 1712.

Rev.d Sir I have now seen Mr. Newton's answer from the Comp at Wardour to My L.d Lansdowne ~~wherein~~ relating to ~~the discharge of~~ Robt. More, and he says that he shall ~~always~~ most readily obey his D.ps Orders for his discharge but desires to know who is to pay ye charges to Sr. Fenwick for 3. Mr. or thereabt before he came to ye Regimt. and money to go back to Engld. that it is not possible to send him before a safe Convey to antwerp, that the circumstances of ye Man have not been truly represented to his D.p. That Ralph Brandling Tho. Proctor & Robt. Forster are ye Names of ye Comrs. at Alnwick in Northumberld.

This is the Substance of what he writes to My D.d and since he could not be prevented going to Flanders I cant but think it advisable to let him remain there, till the Fate of ye Negotiation for Peace are known, unless he ~~should be impatient and~~ complains to his friends of an intolerable uneasiness in his way of Living. If you please in ye meantime to enable me to convince his D.p that ye Case of ye Man was as you truly represented it that he may not ~~& think himself ill used or~~ be discouraged from granting ye like favour another time. You did not mention ~~your hand~~ the name was represented to his D.p and the matter as favourably on ye part of ye Officer as you desir'd. I am Sir Yr.

W^m Litteridge 16^th June. 1712

Madam I find that I reid from you on Acct. of My Good Lady Catharine 2. Guiney in March. 1710. and p^d it to the Treasurer of the Society for Promoting Chriān knowledge the 30^th of that Month.

I forgot to ask you whether My Lady had lost the little Boofs (~~of wch she had a Specimen~~) wch are distributed among y^e Poor, of wch Her Ladiship had a Specimen, if they perish'd in the fire I will endeavour to get another Copie of each for a Memorial in Her Ladiships ~~Charity~~ Closet of how Her Charity was apply'd.

Pray give my most humble Duty to Her Ladiship & be assur'd that I am

Madam. Y^r

D^r Telling Rect^r of S^t Ann's Westm^r

Whitehall 21. June 1712

My Lord Willoughby having been proposed for a Residing Member, You are desired according to Custome to enquire whether he be a person of a sober and Religious Life and Conversation, and of an humble and Charitable disposition, which I mention pursuant to an order of the Society, that Yo^r Report may be accordingly, and it is also desired that You would be pleased to make your report either by word or writing at the next Meeting I am Sir

Yo^r H. N.

M.r De La Motthe 64 Whitehall 21.st June 1712.

Reverend Sir

The Society return You many thanks for Communi-
cating to them the enclosed Letters from D.r Jablonski and M.r Osterwald
and desire You would be pleased to make their Complem.ts to both of
of them when You write Next and particularly to thank the
Reverend M.r Osterwald for his kind acceptance of the trouble
of Complying with their request relating the arguments and
Exhortations on reading the H. Scriptures Used in ~~reading~~ the
Churches of Neufchatel Be pleased also to assure him of the
profound Veneration which I have for him, and the high
value which I set upon every thing which comes from
his hand. You know how much this part of
the World has been edifyed by his divine writings and
since it has pleased God to put it into the hearts of
some good Men here to propagate Xtian Knowledge
among the Heathens in the E Indies, the Society who
are chiefly concerned in that Enterprize thought they could
not recomend a more proper Book to the Missionaries to
translate and Print in those parts than his Excellent
Catechism and in order to that to take care to get it Trans-
lated into High Dutch that it might be in a Language
understood by the Missionaries tho I fear the Copy of it
is fallen into the hands of the French with the other por-
table things on bord the Jane Frigate and Shrewsbury
if it be already printed in High Dutch or Latin a
Copy of it would be extreamly acceptable to the Society
if it could be obtained I am

Yo.r &c.

H Newman

Mrs Litteridge — Whitehall. 24th June. 1712

Madam

I here enclose the Treasurer's Receit to your Ladyp for the Benefaction of my Lady Catharine Hyde to the Xtian Knowledge and beg you would be pleased to acq. Her Ladiship of its being kindly thankfully accepted.

I would have sent my Receit sooner but I was willing to stay till I could at the same time send a Specimen of the Society's Books wch they disperse among the poor in the Country to make good those lost in the fire. They are in the same plain Country Dress wch they are sent with into the Country. I desire you will please to make my most humble Duty & thanks to Her Ladiship & be assured that I am

Madam

Yr.

Mr. Hodges

27th June. 1712

S.r The Society for Promoting Xtian knowledge being informed that a Person who desires to be unknown had by your hands sent into their Treasury 5. Guineas, towards promoting their Designs, I am ordered to desire you would be pleased to signifie their Thanks to the unknown Benefactor, I am

Sr

Yr most humble Servt &c.

Dr Chetwood:
Dean of Glocester

Wh. 1. July. 1712

Reverend Sir

The Society being informed that the Rev. Mr Wheeler is leaving the Grammar School at Glocester and that the supplying his place is in the power of the Dean & Chapter of Glocester, I am ordered to acq.t you that they will take it as a singular favour to their Designs, if in the choice of a new Master you will be pleased to have regard to getting such a one as shall instruct his Scholars in Divine as well as Humane Learning. You know what pains has been taken

taken by some well wishers to the promoting Xtian knowledge to introduce the use of Xtian Authors in Grammar Schools at least as much as the Pagan if not intirely to supply their place, but this is an undertaking that will require time, and perhaps one of the fairest steps towards it is to perswade the Great Schools of St Pauls, Westmin.r Eaton, Winchester, & Gloster to lead the way. If W.m Dean pleases to use his influence to obtain (if it were only) some advance to such a Custom, I hope he would live to rejoyce in ye good effects of his endeavours, and I am sure the Society will thankfully acknowledge it as very agreable to their wishes. I am heartily

S.r Yr most obed.t & humble Serv.t

To the Rev.d M.r Lewis
at Margate in Kent

Bartlets Buildings
London 8 July 1712

In your Letter of the 6.th of August last you are pleas'd to observe that in the account of Schools Wade in the Isle of Thanet &c.a should be S.t Nicholas at Wade in the Isle &c.a by which I understand you would have had it put under N. & not under W. but then you will take notice that an inconvenience will follow by mixing the Subdivisions of places with Capital places in the Alphabeticall order: and therefore all the Cities and Corporations that have several Schools have one Entire History of the Schools there, tho' in Different Parishes because they may be all seen at one view. as at Oxford Worcester & other places you add in the same Letter that S.t Peter the Apostle in in the Isle of Thanet should be entred in the same manner or in a distinct Article as Burckington is, if S.t Peter the Apostle be the Name of a Towne in

That

that Isle, it must be entred as you say, but if it be a Parochial District of a Township, I conceive it will better stand under the Name of y^e Town that is more generaley known than the Name of y^e Parish. But perhaps I mistake you, and therfore I shall be glad to be more fully instructed in the Corrections you desire may be made in the Next Impression of the Account of Schools and the Sooner the better because it is now in the Press. but the Latter part is not yet Composed.

I had my Information of the 1000^{li} left to Wye from S^r. George Wheler one of the Execut^s. of the Lady that left it, and he did when he was last in Town endeavour to obtain some ~~just~~ account concerning it. in order to it's being Settled, but I cant tell what was done, only I think he sayd, he feared he should be obliged in Conjunction with another Execut^r. to go to Law with a D. who was in possession of the Estate, before a just account could be obtained. I am

S^r. Burchington in the Isle of Thanet} Sir Your most humble Servant
July 12^th. 1712 H. N.

W^m. Evans at Philadelphia Whitehall. 12^th. July. 1712

Rev^d. Sir

W^m. Nelson desires me to convey the enclos'd with a Box of Books to you, and finding the Box was not full, I have taken the liberty to add some ~~many~~ of y^e Society's books & Papers to ~~would fill~~ it. W^m. Dupree who is bound to N. York is so kind as to take y^e trouble of conveying it with this testimony of my unfeigned regard for you. I do not the Society for Promoting Christian knowledge God be praised go on

on prosperously in their designs. I have herewith sent a Sheet of Charity Schools for this Year and would have sent the larger but it is not yet out of the Press, which it is if I have an opportunity of conveying it to you it shall be forwarded. There is one thing wch I want to be able to keep up a correspondence with you & that is some constant way of conveying Letters or Packets to & from all the parts of yd in London who know the opportunities of conveying Letters or Packets to yd parts, for want of wch those circular Letters & Packets of books wch are annually sent to all yr Correspondts of yr Society are not sent to you for the future but I hope you will enable me to shew you the same respect as I do to other correspondts I shall be glad to know what advances are made for inlarging the Youth in yd parts whether rich or poor, and to receive any other advices relating to the propagation of Christian knowledge by wch you will afford an Entertainment very agreeable to yr Society at yr same time you oblige

Dear Sir
yr most humble Servt
H. Newman

Wh. 1. Aug. 1712.

The Society last night took into consideration W. Bedford's MSS. abt Musick & finding it not sufficient to answer their End in publishing a Treatise again

D. Bray &
W. Chamberlayne desire to be remembered to you

W. Nelson Esq.

a Treatise on that subject, they have agreed to desire you & Dr. Higden to engage the Revd Mr. Collier to write a small Treatise proper to be put into the hands of Organists & other Musicians to dissuade them from teaching Lude Songs & composing Tunes to obscene Ballads

Mr. Collier having presented the world already with an Essay upon that subject which was very acceptable, they hope he will not decline it; ~~upon your addressing a letter to him for it~~. I forgot to acqt you that I sent your Box to Mr. Evans of Pensilvania the 12th of last Month to Portsm. recommended to the care of a Passenger to ~~Mr. Hayes's care~~ there part. The Carriage by water to Southwark & thence to Portsm. came to 18.8

The Society were very sorry to hear of yr indisposition, ~~and wish it may be of as short a continuance as that which has lately afflicted many others of late~~ I think almost every family in Town ~~is~~ Mr. Chamberlayne supplys this yr place in the Chair, & was chose into it for a month I am &c. yr &c.

P.S. I have enclos'd Mr. Bedford's MS. that if you think fit you may communicate it to Mr. Collier.

To the Revd Mr. Francis Fox
Minister of Pottern near
the Devizes in Wiltshire

Whitehall 2. August 1712.

Dear Sir

I am to send you an Abstract of the last Minutes of the Society so far as they relate to a Report occasioned by a motion made by you (to the best of My Remembrance) when you was last in Town.

Thursday

70. Thursday 31. July 1712.

It was reported from the Comittee that they had Considered of the reference of the 20. March last to prevent the Inconvenience that has or may arise by puting out Children of the Charity Schools apprentices to Michanick Trades rather than to Husbandry in the Country and that they are of opinion that it would be of great Service to Remedy this great Inconvenience to recommend to the use of Charity Schools some Short account of Agriculture by way of Question and answer to be prepared by some Skillfull and Experienced Person in Husbandry, in order to make Children in Love with and in some Measure qualifyed for an Husbandman's Life.

The Society Considering of the said report, agreed that a Copy of it be sent to Mr. Fox. and that he be desired to Comunicate his thoughts thereon to the Society.

This Resolution the Society readily Came into, upon an Information that your thoughts had been for some time bent to the Theoretick Part of Agriculture, and therefore they were unwilling to take any further Step till they had your Sentiments fully upon it. And some Members were of opinion that next to inculcating Christianity it Self a greater Service could not be done to the Nation and to the design of Charity Schools in General than to propagate a true Judgm.t of the Importance of Agriculture in the Nation. They desire therefore you would be very particular in declaring your thoughts, and if you would take the pains to prepare something conformable to what was proposed by the Committee I am sure it would be very acceptable.

The Ingredients of the next annual Packet were likewise agreed upon last Thursday so that it will not be long before you have your Packet which was this year delayed for 2. reasons that Wilmington Rapne

Cabor

than Usual and that Paper could not be had for some time before nor after the Tax upon it took place which occasioned the Press to stand still in a manner during that time.

I am glad to acquaint you that all the Parish Libraries that is the 1st Sett of 52. are bespoke, and will speedily be sent away and the Trustees have under Consideration to begin a New Sett, but Benefactions are the greatest Difficulty The Arrear for the last Sett not being yet Cleared, tho' good Mr. Hoare you know has long since answered the Money.

So many occasions have swallowed up the Charity of Publick Persons that there has been but little Collected since the first Real. The Palatines you know took much of that Charity that otherwise might have Come in to this design then the Malabar Mission & now the design of Erecting Charity Schools in Ireland &c. as you will see by a Proposal Dispersed by the Society at the End of Mr. Richardson's History of the Attempts for Converting the Irish Papists &c.

All the Publick News is that the Dutch have offerd a Plan for Peace, by which 'tis hop'd the allies and our Court may come to an accomodation.

I cannot Conclude without acquainting you of a Strange indisposition that has for a week past run through this City so that Scarce any Family has Escaped it. A Violent Headach and with some a Dizziness attended with a Sore throat, want of appetite, a feebleness which lasts for 2 or 3 Days and then goes off, so that very few or Scarce any have dyed of it. What it portends God only knows but so general a Disposition 'tis thought is occasioned by some Malignancy in the Air many

may it warn us to be wiser and better and then it will be good for us that we have been afflicted. Physicians Compute that there could not be less than 40. or 50. thousand Persons sick at one time in the City of this Distemper, My Man and I have had it and thank God we are recovered I beg yo. Prayers & Remain

Yr. &c.

W. Alderley at Ipmston in Cheshire

Bartlets Building, 9. Aug. 1712.

Worthy Sr. I reid yo. obliging favour of ye 4th Curt. and having communicated it to ye Society I am ordered to send you their acknowledgmts for ye Bill of Twpounds towards the Protestant Mission to ye East Indies, and to pray you would be pleasd to signifie yr. thanks to ally worthy Benefactor who contributed to make up that Sum.

I am glad to acq. you that by ye mail just now arrivd from Holld. the Tanfervill an English E. India Ship is arrived there in whom is come Passenger the Revd. Mr. Plutscho one of ye Missionaries if it has pleasd God to spare his life. His Errand is to represent some difficulty, wch could not be so effectually done by Letter & to give us a true Idea of ye State of Heathenism in those parts and ye most likely means to root it out.

May God hear yo. prayers for the propagating his Salutary Word & may his Blessing be ye reward of all yt put their helping hand to promoting this work is ye Earnest Pray. of

Dear Sr. yo.

I refer you to ye printed Circular Letter of Mr. wch went to India wth together with a Packet wch speedily be sent to you.

D. Marshall. Wh. 16. Aug. 1712.

Rev.d Sir

I am oblig'd by yr. condescension to the request, ~~by W. Nelson~~, for a Charity Sermon at Stanmore magna the 24th Curt. I ~~beg you will please to~~ call'd yesterday at S.t Martin's Library to thank you for it, ~~but you was gone~~, And to know how much of yr. Duty in Town I am to provide for, but you was gone just before.

W. Hoare gave me hopes of engaging W. Foley of Ireland to preach a Sermon, I beg to know where it must be given & yr hour of attendance. As to ye Sch. at Stanmore parva in ye Neighbourhood of Stanmore magna ~~'tis to be~~ above a year since 'twas erected, it began with about 8. Child.n & is now encreas'd to 30. mostly Girls, and but they have no Cloathing I can't yet see it but ye honest Man yt has been chiefly instrumental to promote it, in ye Zeal he has shewn has been suspected to do it for a fanatical End wherein he hopes the people will be effectually undeceived when they see the Tendency it has to promote ye ~~Establish'd~~ Church of Engld

I intend God willing to do my self ye Honour to wait upon you and if you please to let me know by ye Bearer whether you will allow the Coach ~~shall~~ to take you up about 6. Clock & where in ye morning, your Comands shall be obey'd by

Yr. most obed.t humble Serv.t

D. Marshall.

21. Aug. 1712 H. N.

Rev.d Sir I have order'd W.t Harley the Coachman to wait upon you by 6. Clock on Sunday Morning without staying for me and I will meet ye Coach near W.t Harley's House in High Holborn to proceed with you God willing. W. Cholmondley who has been a great promoter of ye School at Stanmore desire leave to admit 2. Charitable Women who have a Mind to hear you & contribute their Mites but who they are I know not only he assures me they were of the smaller Size and perhaps they may alter their minds therefore pray take yr. Grandson with you, the Coach being large enough for that occasion.

P.S. to ye Serm.n of 21.th Aug. requir'd

Mr. Foley engag'd 2. Preachers for each Parish or that you require 2. Sermons. viz. Mr. Foley & Mr. Cockburn, and now wait your Grace's at Mr. Church's & Mr. Partridge's Day upon which 2 Serm.ns that I may give Notice

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W. Steel 74

Wh. ~~21st Aug.~~ 1712.
2d Sept. 1712.

~~Sir~~

~~Being engag'd my self I beg yr.~~
~~pardon for I should take it as a singular favour if~~
~~you pleas to signifie by y^e Bearer the Opinion of y^e~~
~~Hble~~ I believe it is not unknown to you that there
has been for sev^l years past in London a Voluntary Society for Promoting x^tian
knowledge whose chief aim is to Promote the Charity
Schools and for this End they have settled a Corresp^ce
to have y^e charge of writing an
annually to signifie their desires in a Printed
circular Letter to w^ch ~~their Leave adds~~ a written Post-
Script being added its signed by the Secr^y & made
up in y^e form of a
Letter for the conveniency of going by y^e Post.

I have enclos'd a rough draught of that intend-
-ed for this year before it is brought to the
to favour me with y^r opinion & y^e Hon. Com^rs
the Stamp Office whether such a Paper it is intended that
be subject to the Tax lately impos'd on Sheets
& ½ Sheets, your condescention in w^ch will ex-
-treamly oblige

Sir Yo^r. most obed. humble
Serv^t. H.N.

To M^r. Salmon at Oriel Colledge
at Oxford.

Whitehall 22. August 1712.

The Civilities you Shew to Strangers will draw upon
you the opportunity of indulging your inclinations to Beneficence,
and therefore you will excuse me as often as I take the Liberty of
recommending my friends who go to admire the Glories of your University

Monsieur Hoelling of Hannover the Bearer has bein
somewhat above a year in England, to Read the Customs &
Language of the Nation, and has at the same time addicted himself to the
Study of the Orientall Languages; by which you will judge what Curiosities
will please him. I assure you that I shall place your Civilities to

to him. to the same long account of my Obligations to you as I have done those to Mons.r Urlsperger for which I again thank you — and return by the Bearer the Guinea which you was so kind as to lend him after falling into the hands of Highwaymen: having had no opportunity of doing it sooner. The Bearer proposes to pass so many days with you as to give him a full view of Oxford. Blenheim &c.

You will recieve your Packet very speedily from Baskett Buildings with another Letter to which I refer you from

H. N.

D.r Chetwood 26. Aug. 1712.

Dean of Gloster

Rev.d S.r I was in obedience to y.e Comd.s of y.e Soc. y.t I wrote w.t I did relating to y.e choice of a new Master to succeed Mr. Wh.r at Gloster. The Soc. are very much pleas'd with y.r solicitude to recommend y.e design of Ch. Sch.l in y.r late Journey. I have bespoke 2. Suits of Cloaths to be sent to Buckingham as you order'd & expect every day to hear of y.r being out or ready to be sent when I shall write to D.r Lea as you desir'd but y.e other 2. Gent. the Bailiff of Bridgnorth & Mr. Sandys of Bridgnorth the Soc. order'd me to suspend writing to, till you were more explicite in y.r Acct. of their inclinations to correspond with the Society or whether you meant only that a Lett.r & Packet of books containing Instructions to open a Sch. shd be sent is w.t they desire to know. &c.a

I am

y.r m.t H. N.

D.r Lea a Physitian 76
at Buckingham

Whitehall. 28.th Aug: 1712.

Sir B. Lent him a first Genll Letter
W.m Laurence of Yelvertoft Baggleth hungry
Northampton tho.s 2. Sep.r 1712.

Rev.d Sir

I am to request you would be pleas'd to inform your self of the present State of the Charity School at Northampton, and particularly as to the capacity of the Master to teach &c.a and if you find any thing amiss therein that you would use your Interest to rectify it, But without taking any Notice of this intimation, as from the Society. ~~The Society are willing to hope it is not in a declining State as has been repre-~~ Your kindness in favoring the Society with an Acct. of Dunchurch School was gratefully accepted; and I hope your own Nursery at Yelvertoft flourishes under the care of one so intent upon promoting this good work. I dont know how near Warpen-ham is to you but there is lately settled in that Town a worthy Correspond.t the Revd. W. Wheeler remov'd from Glocester, whose acquaintance I am sure you will highly value. If you see him pray give my most humble service to him & be assur'd that I am

Sir Yr. most humble
Servt.
H. N.

I hope you have rec'd
Y.r Packet 'ere this,
& shall 'ere long send
you the Annual Circular Lett.r

P.S. to W. Parfect's 2d Genll Lett.

2. Sept. 1712

L. The Society are concerning to hear yt ~~your Neighbourhood~~ Uffington is so infested with Quakers, and think the most effectual way to discourage their School, is to set up a Charity School in the same place, and if that be not practicable to prevail with ye Neighbouring Schools to receive as many Childn from Uffington as to be instructed as can attend, by wch it may be hop'd the difference of ye improvemt. of ye Childn in the respective Schools will bring a disgrace upon that of the Quakers.

W. Yate at Islington

Wh. 5th Sept. 1712.

D. V.

I had a letter last Post from the worthy S. John Philipps wherein he ~~order~~ desires me to procure him Mr Cholmondeley's Case & such other Gent. as may be inclined to pity his late misfortune, & to pay 40. shill towards that his own example may not be wanting he has orderd me to pay 40. shillings towards his relief, ~~wch I have done~~.

I am sorry I cannot wait upon you with this my self, and scarce a week passes that I have not thoughts of making an Excursion to visit you, but whether I shall be able to do it before ye Summer is past I dare not promise. ~~My most humble Service to yr good Lady~~ In the meantime whenever you will honour me wth yr Company here, no man can be more welcome to

Sr yr most obedt humble Servt

I. W.

W. Edwards of Shipleton 6. Sept. 1712.
Northumberld.

Rev. Sir The Society are concern'd to understand that yr. Ch. Sch. still contin[ues] under a cloud ~~the influence of y late misfortune to~~ ye Master of it; and also to hear that your indis=position grows upon you, but they hope God will restore your health, and yt by yr. care y School may be revivd.

I communicated also your recomendation of W. Nisbet for a Corresponding Member, but you seeming to ground it upon his Succes in obtaining 2. vicarages wch are in My L. Keeper's gift, they could not proceed to a choice of him, till that was determin'd.

They are very ready to interpose their good offices in favour of ye Ch. Schools or to serve any Publick Charity &c. but have always declin'd any ~~solicitation~~ thing which might look like favouring of private views, & carefully avoid all ~~appearance of it~~ and therefore they gave me no direction abt recomending W. Nisbet. to My L. Keeper. & ~~the yielding to such a proceed~~ might in time

However that I might shew what respect I could to your request, and to W. Nisbet whose Lett. I have since rec'd, I this day waited upon W. Edwards one of ye Clerks of ye Presentation office to beg he would inform me what advice to give you or W. Nisbet in order to his Obtaining a Living. He says that he must procure either his Diocesan or some Member of Parliam. that is in favour with ye present Ministry to recomend him to My L. Keeper, and yn his Business will be done. That the fees will be double for a Living and will amount to above 20. pd. W. Edwards lives in Red Lion Street and will readily dispatch the proper Warr. when this fee is taken, and W. Nisbet may freely communicate wt he does therein to W. Edwards who has promised me to serve him. I am &c. H. N.

W. Tho. Harris 12. Sep. 1712.

at y^e Rising Sun
on Ludgate Hill. Sir I should be glad to
know by y^e Bearer whether your affairs
will allow you to be at any Tavern or
Coffeehouse near y^r. Lodging, in the Even:
where I might enjoy y^r. Company for 1/2
an hour, and you would thereby very
much oblige Sir y^r H N.

W. Macbeth 9^th Sep^r. 1712.

Revd. Sir

The Malabar Comittee having
under consideration Mr. Weyde's Proposal
for erecting a School at Fort St. George to instruct the Hea=
=then in Christianity &c. & Before they
apply to y^e E. India Comp. for leave to
erect such a School they would be
glad to know from you & Mr. Sheate
whether you can recommend to 'em
a Master fit for such a Service.

As far as I can judge of y^e Sense of y^e
Comittee, the qualifications wch they desire
in the person you recommend are.

1. That he be of a Pious Disposition capable of in=
=structing teaching all the Credenda & Agenda of the Xtian Religion.

2 That he have so much knowledge of y^e Latin
Tongue as to be capable of learning &
teaching other Languages gramatically as
there shall be occasion.

3. That he have some knowledge in y^e Mathematicks
or at least a disposition to learn them.

4. That he be a Sensible Person, of a good Aspect, and healthy
Constitution.

If you

not a safe thing
It may perhaps be ~~not a safe thing~~ to find a person in whom all these qualifications may meet, but they would be disposed to go into so remote a Country gladly have as many of them as may be in the person you recommend. I am wrote to to the same effect to Mr. Keate. & to Mr. Leafon. 2d. octob.

Mr. Meller Whitch. 3d. Octob. 1771

Hon.d Sir

Pursuant to yr. recommendation the Society last night unanimously ~~agreed~~ to chose the Revd. W. Haley for a Reading member and desire you would be pleased to invite him to their Debates ~~the Society their meetings meet them~~ at Bartlet's Buildings.

You may perhaps be indifposed to cast your Eye upon the last circular Letter to Society's correspond.ts last in yearly abstract of their Proceedings which I have sent to the more active ~~some~~ particular members in y.r Country, and therefore I have enclos'd a Copy of each

being Sir Yr. most obed.t humble Servt.

H. Newman.

My L^d Guilford 3. Octob.

My L^d. You L^p may perhaps be pleas'd to know what were y^e Contents of y^e last Circular Letter to the Society's Corresp^dts and the last Yearly abstract of their Proceedings for wch reason they are humbly laid before your L^p

by my L^d Your

The same to y^e B^p of S^t David's mutatis mutand and desiring his L^p would write to M^r Morgish at Carmarthen finish the Room design'd for the Lending Library.

Capt^n Morris at
Fort William in N. Brit. 7^th Octob^r 1712.

Dear Sir I thank you for yours of y^e 17^th of last Month. ~~wch was not y^e less welcome for being the only one a Letter I have been honour'd with from you of a long time.~~ by wch I was very much pleas'd with an Argum^t of M^r. Owen's & my kindness, as Happily it had not had of a long time. I have been at M^r. Hartley's Office and obtain'd y^e Act wch you desir'd, & wch it seems they were going to send to you by this Post. I have order'd also a new Edition of their Rental. As to y^e Design I cannot be a Judge of y^e excellency of it having never heard it but by the Relation wch has it must be as fair & ~~favorable~~ as most of those things are. I take it that all those things are built upon 2 considerations The 1^st to get a certain profit for y^e Projector, the other by a jumble of uncertainty's to raise profit to some adventurers at y^e expence of other adventurers for if Gain Get others must lose or else there would be no foundation for gain; And the art of y^e contrivance is to blind the

the Loss as much as possible ~~as much as it may be~~, and to make as many chances to ~~attack~~ the Winners as may be. Now I suppose the Projector here happens to be an honest man, that he's content with a very moderate gain for his pains in being honest & to do Justice impartially Game goes between Winners & Losers, for that's all his business ~~to do~~ and while the managers are faithfull it will be in repute, ~~but I don't see what~~ but ~~it is in the power of one Knave to make the most~~ Stet. ~~establish a reputation in such Projects. But their I~~ You will pardon the freedom I take ~~of a natural reasoning & difference you~~ ~~have without knowledge of the Scheme~~ ~~with pardon the severity of censure I tell you but you will~~ I don't understand but I own will persevere in general that I have no good opinion of such Projects in general, & your Friendship has extorted this favour from me ~~Projector~~ to ~~pick~~ the pockets of ~~the most~~ ~~the adventurers in a manner as may be~~ gradually calculated as ~~it may be~~.

I am to thank you for your Acct. of y^e Hunting Match, ~~and of yo~~ ~~& I am~~ ~~welfare~~ wch I am glad to understand was so honestly intended as by yo narrative it seems to have been. As to the Society to wch you very kindly offer to be a contributor there are 2. Sorts of members that it consists of viz. Residing & Corresponding Members. The Residing are call'd so because most of them live in or near London & subscribe to pay Quarterly what they please. ~~from 10^s to 50^s~~ ~~Shill~~ Shills. The Corresponding Members are exempt from subscribing upon a supposition that they are at expence in the Country where they live to further the Designs of y^e Society, and they may always be free to beg advice or assistance from the Society in what relates

NB. This last part was omitted and Capt. Morris was referr'd to another Letter

May D. Day by

Wh. 21. Oct. 1712.

I have sometimes presumed to lay before
[illegible] and your [illegible] offer such [illegible]
[illegible] dispense w^th [illegible]
[illegible] I have now enclos'd a Copy of y^e last half
yearly abstract of the Society's Proceedings &
their circular Letter to y^e Correspondents
& Members. I am glad to add
an Acct. of y^e Library, which
upon y^e Foundation wherein it is plead to be
concern'd. There
are alsy^e Sett that were prepar'd, and
now y^e Founders will think of going upon
another Set as Benefactions come in to ena-
=ble them to do it.

My Lord Design is of such a Nature
as does not seem properly to be supported by
Annual Subscriptions, and when the Persons
concern'd in managing it have gone round their
acquaintance to solicite Benefactions it may seem
but an office to be oblig'd to renew
address to y^e same persons. But if means
could be found to discover the latent Legacies
to pious Uses which are left so as to be apply'd
in this or any other useful way, perhaps in
the vast Number of such Bequests that there
are made in the Kingdom, a small part

part only of them might suffice to carry
on this design to a good degree: all
these Lib.s have cost above 1200. and
it may well be hoped that you will they
yet procure a considerable number
will do more, than I can some other way
have laid out in
I know
to you if
two well
who gave it in their power to assist this work
but if they
could be made as sensible as your L.p. of
the good that may be done by it; it
would not stand still for want of encou=
=ragem.t: If your L.p has any thing
to suggest to the Founders at y.e next
meeting, I am sure
y.r advice,
will be most thankfully accepted
no man can be more pleased to receive y.r Commds
than

Wilby L.d y.r

25.th Octob. 1712.

Sir John Philipps

S.r I have this day sent by one of Weeks Monmouth Carr.s the Box directed to you with the Books, Pamphlets &c.a as mentioned in y.e inclos'd List. I did not pay y.e carriage of it upon a persuasion that they take more care of a thing w.ch carriage is not p.d but for y.e future shall go regularly as you direct me, in that I cannot say y.r L.p find every thing worth y.r perusal having for.e some things upon the reputation they had with other people, but it may be y.r worst of em may serve for a winter evening. I am sending you the Spectators for several days because I suppose that you have them not already I fear in all likelihood be short of volumes if you have

before the Leading Thereof only that for this day I have sent. He is generally upon Thursday or Saturday, that they may be reading the Day following whether the Post carrys on.

There is in one of the Leaves History of Prince W. Coxe by Mr Rect. Forgive me wh you was to find as to give to Wm Education portion: there is I forgot to take out before putting of things and shall be glad to know if you rec'd it.

Mr Treasr Hunter's Acct were audited this week and ye Disbursmts since ye last audit were 469: 9: 7½
Rect since ye time 411: 3: 11

There remains due to ye Treasr 58: 5: 10½
to make good wh there is 119. in good arrears due
to ye Society and ye Disbursmts in Under 13: 19: 11½
on acct of ye Welch Libraryes.

I forgot in my last to acquaint you upon reading your Letter concerning ye Welch Society, your advice for printing a less Number of ye large Accts of that Society will be followed & I am order'd to put ye Society in mind of it agn. another Impression. I am often afrd when the Town may be in hopes as to have yt Company. I shd be glad you would enable me to satisfy that Inquiry.

The D. Hamilton, Hunt & Beaufort and Lady Oxford, Pawlet, and Stratford are admitted Knights of the Garter this day at Windsor.

Mr Whiston's has lately published & is publishing a Volume upon the Articles of Religion & desired me to aff whether you would have a Copy of it to compleat your Set.

I am &c. H. N.

25th Oct. 1712.

Mr Wheeler at Warperton

Revd & Dr Sir I rec'd yt Parcel by yr Son wh yt Letr of the 21st Curt to D. Bray & my self I have this Even: sent the Letter & ye Case accompanying it to D. Bray under cover to ye Bp of Worcester where I expect it will meet him he having been in Warwickshire above 2 Months & by his Last designing to be with his Dy at this time. I shall be

be very glad to see you in Town, and hope you may receive benefit by the D. Keighley's advice. I had ~~read some~~ part of yr. Excellent Treatise concerning the abuses committed in Prisons, but one Mr. W. Chamberlayne came upon me and deprived me of it and since tells me I must not expect to see it again till my L. Ch. Just. Popham has perused it the subject being wch his L.ship has long considered & is ready to be glad to encourage any Scheme that shall be practicable to reform the abuses too justly complained of. I hope you may be instrumental to do much good herein as you are thereto intended.

W. Chamberlayne & I have talk'd much of you & have for all yr. thoughts & indeed he has every body that knows you, that we have been thinking if it shall please God to deny you the recovery of yr. sight it would be a service to the publick to put some pregnant youth into yr. service who shall be instead of Eyes & hands to you as an Amanuensis, and in order to that to look out for such a Youth that all over Charity Schools if you approve of this I will endeavour to obtain for you. I shall gladly receive yr. Comands therein. I have several Letters by me upon y^e subject of this Author being used in our Grammar Schools if you think they may furnish you with any hint that may be of use to you when you go on wch yr. Treatise or that subject I will gladly look them out and lend them to you, unless you will take them when you come to Town. All your Sons here are well. There is little news. 6. of the Companions of the Garter were this day Elected at Windsor viz. the D. of Hamilton, Kent, & Beaufort and y^e Earls of Bedford, Pawlet and Stratford. I am D. S. y^rs. H. V.

To Mr. Postlewayte
at St. Paul's School

Whitehall 12. Nov. 1712.

Rev.d Sir

I have acquainted some Members of your kind acceptance of the Task of Complementing the Rev.d Mr. Plutscho on his arrival in England and they all agree that it will be a great Addition to the Compliment to make it in a Studied Form — rather than Extempore because he may have it in his power to shew in Denmark and other places how well affected the British Nation are to the Protestant Mission in India, and that a good use may be made of the Example here to animate Forreigners to assist in promoting so Excellent a work

I should have given you a Copy of the Minutes which I therefore Subjoyn and Remain a Copy of the Minutes was also Sent

H. N

W. Salmon at Oriel

13. Nov. 1712.

D. S.

The Society being informed y.t there is a very good disposition in the Gentry &c. gentlemen in Cambridg.sh. to set up a charity Sch. in that Town where if Merton Col. who are Patrons of y.e Rectory there please to shew them an Example, I am ordered to request you would recommend it to the Rev.d Warden of that Coll. to favour the design with your Subscription as they shall think fit and in order to it have sent a Note with you will please to fill up as they shall direct for that purpose and return it under cover to me of the place right and that you [illegible] under cover to Mr. Richd Hoare in Fleetstreet. Note you are not to direct to him as Mayor because then it will go to y.e Hall where he lives & I shan't have it so soon.

I hear nothing yet of y.e MSS.

I am Sr. Yr. Hble. H. N.

To the Rev.d D.r Hooper
Chancell.r of Bristol
at Spetsbury near Blandford
in Dorsetshire.

Bartlet's Buildings
18.th Nov.r 1712.

Rev.d S.r I receiv'd your favour of the 10.th Inst with the Bill for £5. 10s. which is paid into y.e Society's Treasurer and I am order'd to signifie to you their thanks for your kind Assistance in promoting their Designs.

The Rev.d M.r Plutscho one of y.e Danish Missionaries in India is lately arriv'd in Engl.d and a Committee of y.e Society are appointed to meet daily to confer with him, about the most proper methods that may be given to the Protestant Missionaries wanting to be sent by y.e Society in India both British & Danish, and they have had several meetings thereon, M.r Plutscho designing to make but a short stay in Engl.d and then proceed to Denmark.

I doubt not but this and all other Branches of y.e Designs of y.e Society have your good wishes of wch I beg y.e continuance, and remain with great respect S.r

18.th Nov.r 1712.

M.r B——t

Hond S.r If you please to permit a Committee of y.r Ho.rs to meet to morrow in y.e afternoon by 4. Clock at your Lodgings, I will give Notice to them accordingly I am

S.r y.r most obed.t

M.r Dawson at Hackney

20.th Nov.r 1712.

Sir I reid y.e last Post Carrier 2. Barrills of Oysters as a present from S.r J. Philipps Bar.t Please to let me know where they shall be left in y.e City and they shall be sent according by the Society's

[illegible] knowledge are preparing [illegible]
[illegible] this year ~~usual~~ to the Irish Court. for
what favours they are to ask this year, & would
be glad to ~~know whether~~ you have your advice
by what hand to bring it into the Court, and what
Members to apprize of it before it is brought
in. The kindness you have shewn upon these
occasions emboldens me to use this freedom ~~with you~~
and to believe you will excuse it in

Sr Yr most

To Capt. Morris 22d. Nov. 1712.

P. S. to the 1st Genll Lett. wch was incorporated
with part of ye 2d. D.

D. Sr I ~~made~~ began the above Lett. at ye Date of it but
have been diverted from closing it till now, to wch
I have only to add that

The Residing Members who at present
constitute the Society and subscribe from 2. to
10. ℔ an. ~~to defray the charge of their Design~~ } 80.
are in Number about . . . . .

That ye Corresponding Members ~~abroad~~
in ~~all parts of~~ Gr. Britain, Ireland, Holland
& other parts of Europe some of whom only
remit annually to ye Society, from one to 2.
or 3. Guineas as they please, are in } 370.
Number about . . . . . .

The former kind of Members only have votes, but all
are admitted to attend their Debates & speak their
thoughts that please to come to their Meetings wch
are every week on Thursdays.

If you desire to contribute to ye impression of ye Comon
Pray. Book in the Irish Language & Character the subscrip-
-tions are gladly from one to 5. Guineas as every Subscriber pleases.

I am once more D. Sr Yr ℔ St. N.

W. Dawsonne 90.

Wh. 24 Nov. 1712.

at Hackney

Lett. of y 22. Curt. I received this Morn: & shall endeavour to wait on you at y India next Wednesday wh I presume is a Court day. But before I communicate the addresse design'd to W. Hewer or any of y Court I shall be glad to have W. Hewer to make a ffriend of good W. Hewer, to bring the address into Court. I am Sr yrs H.N.

Wh. 25th Nov. 1712.

W. Hales

at y Hague Dr Sir I receiv'd your kind Letter of y 4th Curt. N.S. and am to thank you in y name of y Soc. for that and all other instances of y kindness in furthering their designs. They have order'd their Treasurer to pay W. Lebunter's Bill whenever it shall be presented. I shall be heartily glad to receive from you W. Placette's Act from Denmark concerning the Protestant mission to y E. Indies.

This goes by the Revd W. Plutscho one of y lately arrived Protestant Missionaries from India, with a Malabarian Youth, in order to forge the farther difficultys that have hitherto hinder'd the progress of that good work. He was welcomed to y Society at Bartlet's Buildings with a congratulatory speech in Latin made by W. Postlethwayte at y request of y Society, and to wch W. Plutscho made a long Reply in Latin. I have got W. Plutscho's Answer but not the speech made by y other, wch is in Reason. I doubt send you a Copy, I fear W. Postlethwayte but I believe W. Plutscho can favour pleasure you with a sight of both. W. Postlethwayte making a scruple of giving me a Copy, but it shd be enter'd ony Society's books.

Dear Sir I will send the Lyon

You will be surpris'd at y^e News of D. Hamil. Death & D^r Mohan's killing murthering each other in Duel, but it is not strange considering y^e notions of honour that prevail now a days, and some look upon it as a miracle of Providence to prevent a Person's going to Lowe who was so much in y^e Pr— r's Interest but whether such persons are unreasonable in their reflections perhaps may be known when all is over.

Popish Preists come daily over to us from Dunkirk to pave the way for some Design wch they seem to be big of and there are already many Instances of perversion to their Bloody Religion wch shew that they are not idle, but God will I hope frustrate all their Designs when they are most sure of it tho' when I consider the unrighteousness & prevalence of our Impiety, and y^t more than 50. thousand righteous Souls by their intercessions have not been able to save the Kingdom of Ir: from the Plagues that have visited it, what can we expect but to be given up to the destruction wch have deserved and to be involv'd in y^e ruin which impends us till y^e wise purposes of God are accomplish'd. It does make every honest man's heart ache to see

I deliver'd my last Letters into y^e Secry's Office here where I thought they would have gone safe or I shd not have been so free to trouble you but I will take care to prevent it for y^e future and

am D^r Sir y^rs H. N.

I sent your Lett^r enclos'd to me, and it was directed tho' I think I have not seen the Young Gent. since

Sr. Wm. Yr

Whitehall Nov 11th

I rec'd the MS. last Thursday and acquainted the Society with yr desire of leave to dedicate to them, but they wholly decline encouraging such a respect to be shewn to them as a private Body of Men who associate themselves for Curiosity as not consistent with the Body as they look upon themselves to be. There has indeed been instances of dedications to 'em but without their approbation. And as to giving their opinion of the work, it being too large for them to receive into their consideration, and their Rules of Examination being so strict, they don't think it proper for them to give their opinion of things which they don't think fit to publish. This is what I am order'd to signifie to you from the Society.

But as to the work it self being on a reasonable subject, it was the opinion of several Members that if it were published it could not fail of being encouraged. If it be wrote with that force of no doubt it is, I shall want yr. comands about it & am

Sr. yr